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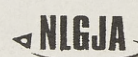
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## Get Involved Immediately!

Dear Editor:

To date the No on Knight (Proposition 22) campaign conducted by Californians for Fairness has centered around the slogan, "It's divisive. It's intrusive. It's unfair." It has built its case by demonizing proponents as racist, homophobic bigots predicting dire consequences for our community if the initiative passes in March. In December columnist Debra Saunders criticized the strategy, pointing out that such negative campaigns failed against Proposition 27 (English only instruction for non-native students), Proposition 209 (ending affirmative action) and Proposition 187 (ending government benefits and schooling for illegal aliens). To us, "Family Values" is the underlying issue. Note that organizations and coalitions that would deny us equal rights as citizens have used Family Values in their titles. They claim that we pose a threat to the institution of marriage and their children. People fear the unknown and what they fear they attack. We learned twenty years ago during the No on 6 (Briggs Initiative campaign to ban homosexuals and their supporters from the teaching profession) that those who adamantly opposed us to their knowledge had never met any of us. Those who knew some of us personally supported us. In reviewing our files on the progress we have made as a community, we are inclined to call the 1990s the decade of Gay Family Values. There are countless books, news articles, photo albums, videotapes, education courses on parenting and support services now available to same sex couples and their families. The roster of the Bay Area's All Our Families Coalition includes 55 organizations. Unfortunately the general public has not been made aware of the reality of our lives, of our love and commitment, of the struggles we face to protect our domestic partners and children because of legal and social

inequities. Time is running out. The March 7 primary election is a few weeks away. We cannot expect a small campaign committee to raise enough money to match the millions contributed by certain religious denominations in support of the proposition and also take sole responsibility for outreach to the general public. We also learned that no matter our differences and squabbles we band together in times of crisis. The specter of the Knight Initiative is of crisis proportion. That means each of us needs to get involved immediately talking to friends, relatives, co-workers and whoever about Proposition 22 and how it affects the welfare of our children and our families. It means each of us must assume responsibility for our future. Telling our personal stories and getting people to understand is far more effective than whining about the "ism's" that most people experience. Let it not be said that we lost by default. California deserves better, and so do we.

Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon

## CBS Sunday Morning

Dear Editor,

As usual my husband and I are watching the CBS morning program and the movie critic, John Leonard is giving his reviews and to our shock and anger he says the following which is also on the web site: "There's a similar problem with The Talented Mr. Ripley. In both Patricia Highsmith's novel and Anthony Minghella's film, a young man seeking to better his station in life turns out to be not only a serial killer but also a gay serial killer. This is not how Dreiser or Fitzgerald handled the all-American creation myth of upward mobility. "have written CBS from their web site to complain and asking for an apology. There was absolutely no need for him to somehow twist

this review to make the most evil of serial killers those that are gay. Bill and I have watched this program for years and have never heard such rubbish on their program before. Their web site can be accessed by going to [www.cbs.com](http://www.cbs.com) and then when the site comes up using their window called "shortcut" enter the words "Sunday morning." The second story is the movie review; click on it and the entire statement will appear that includes the above quote. To the left of the screen is an icon for feedback, this is what I used to submit my complaint.

Carolyn  
A PFLAG parent

## Looking For Stories To Expand the State's Hate Crimes Laws

Dear Editor

Senator Tom Hayden, considering drafting a bill that would expand the state's hate crime laws to cover people who are victimized because of their association with GLBT people and gay-positive groups such as PFLAG. He is looking for real-world stories to illustrate the need for such a bill. Specifically, he is looking for examples of any non-GLBT PFLAG members who have ever been threatened with violence, had their property damaged or defaced, or been attacked because of their association with PFLAG. I know that facing these types of concerns is very real on the part of many PFLAGers, and have personally heard some stories that would suggest that this type of legislation is a reasonable step to take. If you have stories to share, please forward them to me and cc: to [joo.lee@sen.ca.gov](mailto:joo.lee@sen.ca.gov). Thank you for your assistance with this!

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## Translucent Citizens

Dear Mom:

A country, in which some citizens insist upon the necessity of designating themselves as inhabiting special sub-categories of "Hyphenated-American", while other varieties of citizen need not, is most certainly not manifesting equality. And according to science "black" is the absence of colors! If I am not "a person of color", then what am I, translucent or something? So much for all so-called "color consciousness". If all citizens cannot be in reality simply Americans, then why bother at all? Just call the United States the most pompous, pretentious and powerful Third World Nation on the globe. Unfortunately that is precisely what it is.

Glen Rice  
Davis

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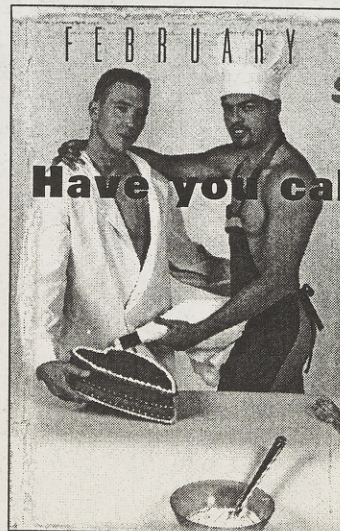
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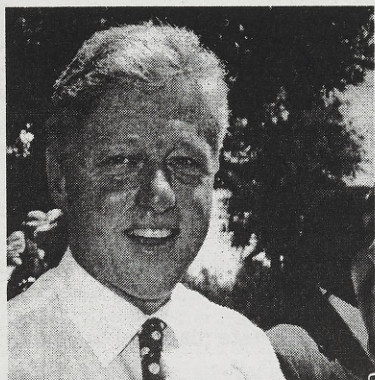
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# UNDER DOME

## Clinton Is Getting Better on Marriage



President, Bill Clinton

**Q: We are reevaluating, are we, don't ask, don't tell?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** Well, I think the candidates are. A lot of them are saying it should be changed.

**Q: What do you think?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** I tried to have a different policy. I tried to say gays should be able to serve in the military—

**Q: Period?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** Without lying about it. But if the military code of justice says that homosexual acts are illegal, if they keep it, then they'd have to observe that. But when we went to don't ask, don't tell, it was all we could bet through the Congress. The Congress had a veto-proof majority to reverse the policy I recommended. Now, a new administration and new members of Congress, they're free to do something different. What we're doing now in August is we issued some new guidelines to try to correct some of the abuses, because the policy, as it was articulated in '93, has been often abused, and that's what led to some of these expulsions, some of this harassment.

The Secretary of Defense is absolutely committed to

faithfully implementing the policy. It's really don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, under those circumstance.

**Q: So it's not the policy that's wrong?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** No, I didn't say that. I recommended a different policy, but the policy is better than the results. That is, if the policy were faithfully applied, we would not have many of the problems that we've had these last few years, and I think the Secretary of Defense and the leadership of the Pentagon is now working with these new guidelines and with the work they're doing to try to make sure people are trained and they understand they're not supposed to go in and harass people and what can and cannot trigger an inquiry, I think we can make it better now.

**Q: How much—we know about your interest and the**

**gains we've made in the racial area and we still have a long way to go. How are we doing in that area, in the homosexual area in this country, with regard to acceptance, do you think?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** I think we've come a long way. We're a long way from where we were just in '92, and '93. I think vast majorities of the American people support hate crimes legislation that protects gays as well as people with different racial and religious backgrounds. I think most Americans strongly support nondiscrimination in the workplace and would vote for the Employment Nondiscrimination Act if they were in Congress. I hope that the Congress will vote for it this year, this next year. I think that the real problem, I still believe, is the absence of open, personal contact. I think—

**Q: We don't know it?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** I think

there are too many people who don't know gay men and lesbian women in the ordinary course of their lives, and they don't see that there are people who—their friend, their sisters, their brothers, their sons, their daughters, their co-workers, and that it is—my judgment is, it's not a lifestyle people choose. It is the way people are. It's too hard—it's too hard a life for people to just up and—

**Q: Why choose it?**

**THE PRESIDENT:** —up and choose it. I think that—and I think that my view is that every American that works hard, obeys the law, plays by the rules ought to be treated with dignity and respect and have a part in our American family. That's what I believe.

**Q: Do you agree with the Vermont judiciary that while marriage may be**

See CLINTON pg. 8

### Correction

In the January 1, 2000 issue on page 14 MGW listed names of people that have contributed to the GLBT community in Sacramento. The headline read, "List of Memorable Gays". The headline should have read, "List of Memorable People That Made A Difference For The Gay and Lesbian Community". MGW newspaper regrets and apologizes for the error.



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The most recent of the voters survey, Initiative, 40% undecided. The narrow by March that every one of Knight initiative have any chance of initiative.



Field Poll shows 51% port the Knight pose it and 9% are margin will probably 7th, but it is obvious us who oppose the must vote if we are to defeating this odious

Call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 345-VOTE to obtain the form. Those who have Internet access; [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov). Scroll down to the words Register To Vote. Then click on English Version to see a copy of the registration form. You can print the form, fill it out and mail it in. The form should be mailed to your county Registrar of Voters or it can be mailed to: The Secretary of State, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## The Rainbow Community Center Of Contra Costa County Seeks Candidates For Board Of Directors

The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County is currently seeking candidates in the following fields for possible appointment to the Center's all volunteer Board of Directors.

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Members of the Center's Board of Directors actively participate in the operation and management of the center and fundraising efforts. All positions are voluntary. Qualified candidates should mail a letter of interest and a current resume to:

Mark King,  
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Rainbow Community Center  
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The Nominations process consists of submittal of candidate's application, review of the application by the Nominating Committee, recommendation by the committee to the Board of Directors for interview, applicant interview with the Nominating Committee, and committee recommendation to the Board. The Board of Directors then votes on the applicant. Women, people of color, bisexuals and transgender are encouraged to apply.

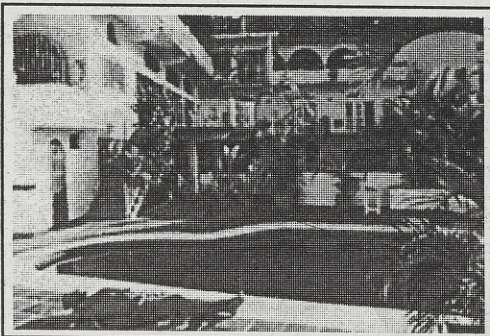
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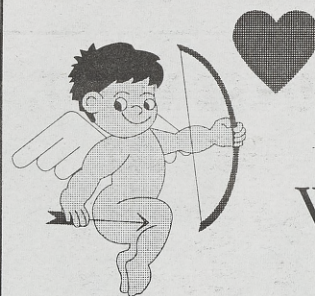
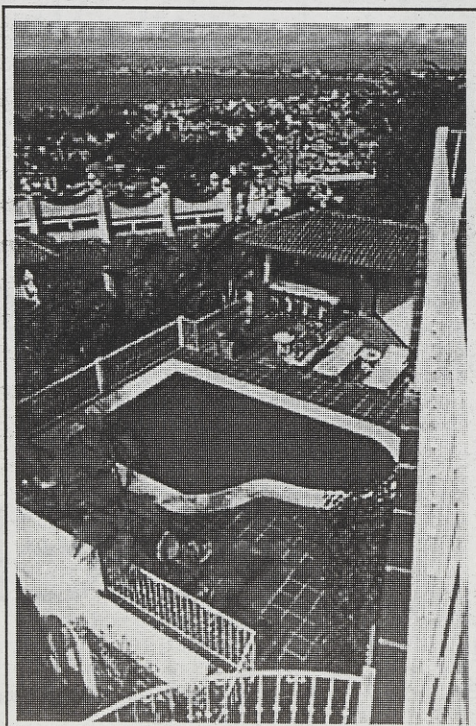
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# LOCAL

## Pillars Reprise: A Decade Later

by Randy Hartley  
MGW/Staff

In 1982 Sacramento's gay and lesbian community had a limited number of social community activities. The River City Business Association was small and struggling, and had a membership focusing on common local business interests. Several fellows began discussing the lack of a group that had a broader social appeal for professional gays and lesbians. From such discussions Pillars was born. The name was actually "Pillars of the Community". The group was active for eight years, and was the birthplace of several other local groups including the Men's Chorus and SACWN.

Larry Hoover organized the initial meeting with the help from several friends. The event was a luncheon held in what is now Faces video room. Seventeen people attended and included **Jim Sundquist, Reed Marquardt, Jerry Stoeher, Ray Cavanagh, John Keiley, Stan Hadden** and others.

The group proved to be very popular and soon outgrew its original venue. Events changed from monthly luncheons to dinners every other Friday, and continued for eight years. Pillars grew from the original 17 to a calling list of 500. After the first year, meetings were typically about 100 to 125. The largest meeting was 250, for a concert by **Romanovsky and Phillips**, and was held at the El Rancho in West Sacramento, which is now a Buddhist monastery.

The meetings were structured but informal. Eating was typically preceded by a no host social hour. The event itself was begun by an introduction of attendees, later only new comers, followed by food. After eating there were the briefest of announcements by attendees about anything that might be of interest to the group. As the group grew in size, there were often appearances by politicians running for office, former **Mayor Ann Rudin**, or more elaborate programs including several performances by **Romanovsky and Phillips**, and "Tales of the City" author **Armistead Mauphin**.

For the first five years the

meetings were mc'd by **Larry Hoover**. Larry "retired" from that role in 1987, and received "The Golden P.O.C. in recognition and appreciation for leadership in creating a forum for friendship and support in the gay community". **Mickey Mitchell, Larry Baca and Hal Griffiths** succeeded him as "MC". When he retired, a Board was formed to keep Pillars going. It met regularly at Hartley House Bed & Breakfast Inn. The initial board included **George Fox, Larry Bane, John Cammou** and others.

As the number of attendees grew, a group of loyal callers divided what became a list 500 folks, and dutifully called every two weeks to check attendance and get dinner orders.

Pillars became the place to be on those Friday nights, attracting folks from near and far, generating similar groups in Stockton and in England.

In March 2000 there will be a **Pillars Reprise** to gather as

many of the original members possible to celebrate a decade later.

Perhaps this will be a good opportunity to revive the organization that gave so much in the past.

Past members, their guests and other interested people in the Gay and Lesbian community are cordially invited. This event takes place on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1209 L Street, with no host cocktails at 6:30pm, and dinner at 7:30pm (Salad, entrée, dessert and coffee). The cost of the event is \$27per person. Proceeds to the Sacramento Men's Chorus CD 2000 Fund. For tickets by phone, credit card only...Hartley House Bed & Breakfast Inn 447-7829, or in person at: Posh Shoppe Florists, 2580 Fair Oaks Blvd, or The Gifted Gardner, 2122 J Street. Limited Seating. No tickets will be sold at the door, ticket cut off will be 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 8, 2000.

## 2nd Annual Oregon Gay Ski Week

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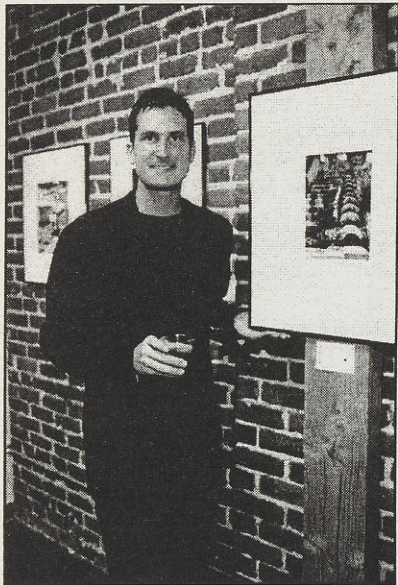
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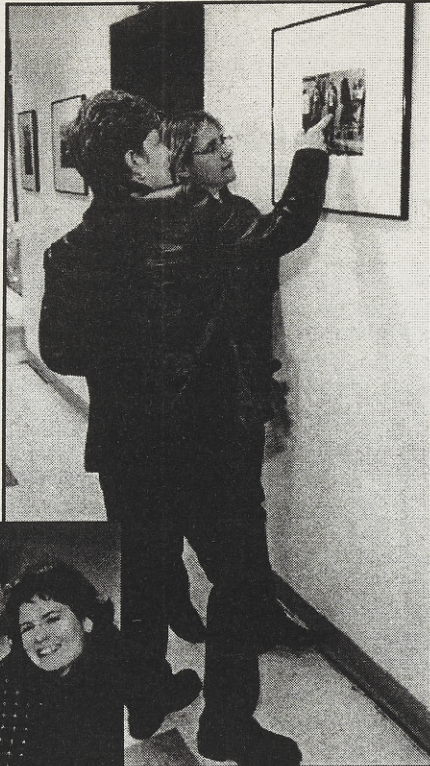
## Weave Works Comes Out For The Arts University Of California, Davis Hosts Annual Conference on Gay Issues



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▲ Sean General, Volunteer Fashion Consultant, and Organizer of WEAVE Works December 11th event Silver Bell Ball.

K.C. Boylan (Left) and Alicia Tator while enjoying the event, stop to check out some interesting points on the photography on display, Kevin Boyd's, "Perspectives of Life".



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▲ Artist Kevin Boyd, (center) shared his black & white photography for a reception at WEAVE Works for the expanding WEAVE project to stop abuse between same sex couples here in Sacramento. Joining Kevin on the left is Guy Roberts, and on the right Nicole Winger.

Topics ranging from gay and lesbian marriage to public schools and gay youth, will be among those discussed during a conference on gay issues at UC Davis February 11-13. Keynote speakers at "Gayz into the Millennium" will include gay-rights spokesperson Candace Gingrich; gay-marriage advocate Evan Wolfson; and Philip Dubois, president of the University of Wyoming.

The event expected to attract 500 or more people is sponsored by the UC GLBT Association. The association, whose 50 members represent all the UC campuses, support and promote the interest of diverse communities with respect to sexual and/or gender orientations.

**Keynote speakers are comprised of....**

Candace Gingrich, Human Rights Campaign (HRC) spokesperson, author of "Accidental Activist" is speaking Saturday, February 12 from 4-6pm.

Evan Wolfson, Director of the marriage project for Lambda Legal Defense Fund, speaking Friday, February 11, from 1-2pm.

Philip L. Dubois, President of University of Wyoming where Matthew Shepard was a student before being murdered, speaking Friday February 11, 12-1 pm.

Kevin Jennings, Director - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), dedicated to ending anti-gay bias in K-12 schools, speaking Saturday, February 12 from 11am-12noon.

Carla Trujillo, editor "Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About", speaking Friday, February 11 from 6-8pm.

Francisco X. Alarcon, UC Davis professor of Spanish and Classics, Latino poet, speaking Sunday, February 13 from 10:30am-12noon.

The conference sessions will be held at various locations on the main campus. Info: 530-752-2452 or [afsubasic@ucdavis.edu](mailto:afsubasic@ucdavis.edu) Note: Registration, beginning at \$20 for students and \$40 for non-students, is required.



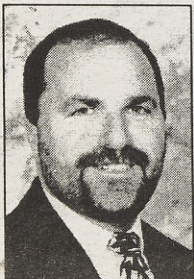
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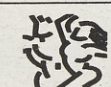
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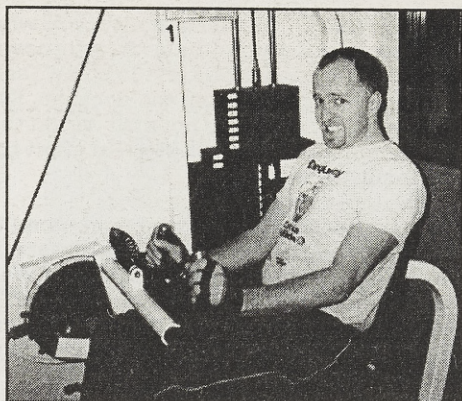


# OUT LIVING

## How Do I Know If I Am Doing Enough

By Chip Conrad  
MGW Staff

This issue's question comes from Jack in Pagoda, Idaho (since nobody reads this column and I'm writing for my own amusement, I pretend that people from around the country write me and ask me questions. So humor me. I told my mom I'm nationally syndicated). Jack writes: I love your column. It's one of the few things in life I have to look forward to. One of the other things is weight lifting. But, when I lift, how do I know if I'm doing enough?



Thank you for such an insightful letter, Jack. How much weight lifting should we do for maximum results? Is more, better? How about this: Isn't just enough better than too much? Judging by the way most dedicated weight trainer's work out, apparently not. Does this sound familiar? Three sets of 10-12 reps. three or four exercises per body part. Five days of weight training a week. And sometimes that still doesn't feel like enough.

Well it's more than enough. In fact, too much. Where did you learn this? From a magazine? From somebody else in the gym? Or worse yet, from a trainer? Let's throw a little science in among the archaic belief system.

Here's the debate: intensity versus volume. Volume training would be the "more is better" philosophy, taking sometimes an hour or more to complete an overwhelming amount of iron hoisting. Sometimes that hour might only be for a single body part.

Intensity involves high effort, less time. In fact it's known as high intensity training, meaning that each rep of each lift has an effect on the muscle, and more than the right amount is too much.

Consider this: A workout is stress to the body. You do not get in shape while in the gym, that's actually a considerable amount of pressure and fatigue on the body. It's the non-gym time, what I call my "quiet time," that all the good stuff happens. Recuperating and rebuilding during rest. That's when your body thinks "hey, this bitch might try and do this to us again. Let's adapt and prepare for the next onslaught."

So the workout prescription should be just enough to stimulate the body to grow and strengthen. Any more would be contrary to our goals, unless our goals include wasting time and not making progress.

What is enough? This is where it gets tricky. If you're used to volume training, making the switch to high intensity training is tough for one reason. Giving up old beliefs. This is pagan among the iron orthodoxy of volume training. Don't worry, your gym mates won't shun you. But it's a difficult choice to make. We are so programmed to believe that more is better, or that we need at least three sets of something to stimulate that muscle growth (which, by the way, has no real research to prove it), trying something different will be hard.

Imagine this: One set done perfectly can replace a crap load of half ass sets. But my sets aren't half ass, you say. Oh yeah? Your first set of a working weight will never be at it's most intense if you have that constant thought in your head that you have two more to go. It might be on a subconscious level, but you are saving your energy for the last set. But by the time you get to that third set, you have used up most of your energy. So be the bad ass on the first set, make it perfect, and then walk away from that exercise. You have stimulated that muscle to grow, any more would detract from the muscles recovery ability.

How do I do a perfect set? What exercises are best? What's the point of all this any way? All those questions and more might be answered next time if you all behave.

There is no "Linda Update" this time since the fearless editor has yet to make good on her promise to start visiting the gym. When she does, I'll get pictures.

## Biggest-Ever Dinah Shore Lesbian Weekend Anticipated

### Lesbian promoters bounce back from straight competition

Club Skirts, San Francisco & Girl Bar, Los Angeles, the leaders in lesbian events and vacations, announced today that early inquiries for their year 2000 Dinah Shore event are at record levels. In past years, the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism has estimated that between 10,000 and 20,000 lesbians attend the parties and golf tournament. This year, says Club Skirts President Mariah Hanson, organizers expect 3,000 women will stay at their two host hotels alone, with thousands more at smaller, surrounding hotels and condos.

The Club Skirts promoters are also celebrating their continued success in an increasingly crowded market in Palm Springs. In 1999, straight promoter Jon Poling waged an expensive advertising campaign to promote big-name acts-including Wynona Judd-during this high-profile lesbian weekend. Poling initially advertised Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche, who later dropped out of the line up.

"Poling's surprise entry into the lesbian event market was a wake-up call," says Mariah Hanson, owner of Club Skirts. "The unexpected competition forced us to reevaluate how we could be better. The result is we now have an expanded program, with bigger names, and better entertainment. In the end, it was a blessing in disguise."

This year, the event takes place March 23-26, 2000 at the Wyndham and Doral Hotels in Palm Springs, CA. Confirmed acts include rocker Michele Malone, international pop artist, Bonnie Pointer of the Pointer Sisters, comedienne Judy Tanuda, Maggie Cassella, Karen Ripley, and Vicki Shaw. The producers also have offers in to The Indigo Girls, Lily Tomlin, Luscious Jackson, and Paula Poundstone.

The weekend opens with Thursday's "Traffic Jam" party. Friday features a nationally acclaimed comedy show. The largest dance parties take place Saturday and Sunday night and the Sunday pool party with over 3,000 women is world famous.

Founded in 1988, MT Productions, Inc, a California corporation, of which Mariah Hanson is President and CEO, operates the San Francisco's women's Club, The Girl Spot, and the lesbian event & vacation company, Club Skirts. GB Productions, Inc., a California corporation, owns and operates Girl Bar, Los Angeles. Sandy Sachs and Robin Gans are company principals.

In a 1991 joint venture, the two corporations created the modern day Dinah Shore Weekend. Their events have attracted media coverage from such mainstream media as Peter Jennings Nightline, Sports Illustrated, Marie Claire International, Buzz Magazine, Wall Street Journal, San Francisco Examiner, Los Angeles, Times, Village Voice, Channel Four London, and more.

For brochures, call 1-888-44-DINAH or visit [www.clubskirts.com](http://www.clubskirts.com). For reservations, call The Wyndham Hotel at 760-322-6000 or The Doral at 1-888-3864677; mention The Dinah Shore Weekend for special rates.

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

## THE GIFT OF THE VINE

by Randy Hartley  
MGW/Food Editor

The history of wine is completely interwoven with the history of man. It has been said that civilization grew out of agriculture.

We do not know when men and women first had wine, but it was accepted as a gift from the gods: the Egyptians attributed it to Osiris, the Greeks to Dionysus; the Armenians maintained that Noah planted the first vineyard near Erivan. Since grape seeds have been found in prehistoric caves, it is conceivable that wine is older than history—although it is unlikely that the cavemen and women knew how to ferment their grapes. That discovery, when it came, was probably accidental.

Matchmaking, always a diverting occupation, becomes positive pleasure when its object is a marriage between food and wine: once complementary flavors are brought together, the two combine a gastronomic treat infinitely more delicious than either could provide alone. A fine meal, cooked well and served so that it is as seductive to the eye as to the appetite, is a delight in itself; add a glass of wine—gleaming red or a translucent greenish-gold—and delectation will be doubled. The flavor and moreover, the combination induces a sense of well being—euphoria—and stimulates the imagination. That is why, since the days of Socrates, a dinner table is the traditional setting for good talk.



Wine and food do go well together was discovered by our remotest ancestors. In the old days, jugs of new wine would wash down vast meals fresh from the wood. Then, in the eighteenth century, wine began to be matured in glass bottles, and by 1800 it was no longer a refreshing drink to be gulped down: the country gentleman still ate hugely and sometimes downed his three bottles a day; but in the renaissance of fine French cuisine, dinners began to be planned with finesse, and the carefully selected wines were appreciatively sniffed and sipped.

Traditionally, certain wines accompany certain dishes—Chablis and oysters go together like bread and butter. Most of the rules are sound, however, since they are the result of experiment over the centuries: dry white wines taste best before red ones, the great ones taste better when they follow lesser ones of a similar type; sweet wines are not all good with meat—all this was discovered long ago.

It is possible to make endless permutations and combinations of good and wines—and everyone can discover new ones for himself or herself. He or she will not, however, waste good wine on unnecessary mistakes if he or she observes these simple rules.

Dry white wines taste best before red; and red wines are better when they are served after others of the same type but lesser quality. In the second instance, it is an elegant and most enjoyable practice to serve more than one red wine with a fine meal. In this case, it is a good idea to stick to the wine of one type or region, offering, for example, Merlot after Merlot and Zinfandel after Zinfandel, rather than mixing the two. And it is advisable to serve the wines in reverse order of age—the youngest first. With wines of the same age, the lesser should come first.

Certain foods and flavors simply do not harmonize with wine such as vinegar, onions, garlic and fishy hors d'oeuvres spoil the palate for wine. Spices, curry and mustard also

have a regrettable effect, unless the wine itself has a taste so definite that it can prevail over the others.

Once these obvious pitfalls have been avoided, it is as well not to worry too much (unless you are planning a dinner party) about what to drink with what. Wine and food have a natural affinity, and in more cases than anyone would think possible, they unite with pleasant results.

I have squeezed a lot of information into this article. If by chance, you are interested in learning more about wines I suggest that you contact one of these excellent resources:

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# ENTERTAINMENT: OUT ON FILM



Sigourney Weaver and Julianne Moore play two mothers whose fates cross when tragedy strikes in Scott Elliot's *A MAP OF THE WORLD*.

## Mother, Interrupted

by Stefan Gruenwedel  
MGW/Staff

**A MAP OF THE WORLD.** Starring Sigourney Weaver, Julianne Moore, David Strathairn, and Chloe Sevigny. Directed by Scott Elliot. (127 min., rated R)

No one said that raising a family was easy. Scott Elliot's *A MAP OF THE WORLD* shows just one of the ways how it can be difficult. Being a responsible parent requires keeping a constant, watchful eye over small children. Even one moment's lapse can mean the difference between playtime inside and a child drowning outside.

A momentary distraction is what curses Alice Goodwin (Weaver), a part-time school nurse, mother of two daughters, and wife of a taking-a-stab-at-it farmer, Howard (Strathairn). One day she baby-sits the two daughters of the Collinses, their better-off friends and relative neighbors in rural Wisconsin. One of the Collinses' young girls goes off on her own to play in the small lake behind the Goodwins' house. Problem is, she can't swim. Alice comes to rescue her when she sees her floating lifelessly in the water, but it's too late.

This is every mother's worst nightmare. As expected, the friendship between the Goodwins and the Collinses is severed forever. It's not that they blame Alice, but they can't pretend the accident never happened, either.

Added to this mess is the strain put on the relationship between Alice and Howard. She is beside herself with anger and grief, and on the verge of a nervous breakdown, but all he can do is advise her to "get on with life."

To top things off, some of the whiny children she has treated at the school's infirmary band together with their parents and sue Alice for child abuse. The mastermind behind this effort appears to be one particular mother, Carole Mackessy (Sevigny), whose son Robbie (Marc Donato) always came to school sick or beat-up-looking—raising the ire of Alice, who swore one day that she'd report Carole to the authorities. Now that the tables are turned, Alice gets blindsided by these allegations.

Ridiculous as these charges may be, she's arrested and thrown in jail until Howard can find enough money to post the exorbitant bail. This isn't easy, given that he now

has two troubled kids under his wing and a house and farm to manage on his own.

Although these events all conspire to test Alice's stamina as a human being—her sarcastic personality gets her into more trouble than she ever bargained for—they also teach her an important lesson about the value of family and friendships that overcome tragedy. Indeed, not only does Theresa Collins (Moore) forgive Alice, but she bears witness during the trial to Alice's exemplary skills as a mother.

*A MAP OF THE WORLD* is not a film about a woman wrongfully blamed for a child's death or wrongfully accused of child abuse. If it were, the trial would be sensationalized and there'd be clear divisions between good and bad guys. Instead, the courtroom scenes in this film are relatively underplayed. Even Alice's trip to a woman's jail doesn't lead to any homilies about "women gone bad."

This film is more concerned about people's relationships among one another and how they are tested (and reinforced) by forces beyond one's control. Sigourney Weaver gives the best performance. Her powerful acting range is put to good use and clearly intended to wow the judges at the Academy Awards. (The film opened briefly in early December to qualify it for the 1999 award.)

A side theme that is brought up but never fully developed is the idea that the Goodwins are outsiders to this small-town community. Alice is distrusted even more than if she were a home-grown girl, whom everybody had known since childhood. However, it's never explained exactly why they are outsiders. Howard's farming is apparently a mid-life experiment in rural living, but nothing more is said than that. We don't learn why or how the Goodwins got the farm at all.

The film's title remains a bit mysterious as well. It has to do with some drawing that Alice painted as a girl when her mother was very ill. This map and several other side themes in the movie are probably detailed more fully in Jane Hamilton's novel, but Scott Elliot's film adaptation does its best to include them.

Much better are the film's satisfying score, composed by The Pat Metheny Group, and the Midwest scenery (actually filmed outside Toronto), which help round out the film.



Cutie lad Craig Ferguson plays Crawford Mackenzie, Glasgow's finest hairdresser, in Kevin Allen's hilarious send-up, *THE BIG TEASE*.

## The Talented Mr. Mackenzie

by Stefan Gruenwedel  
MGW/Staff

**THE BIG TEASE.** Starring Craig Ferguson, Frances Fisher, Chris Langham, Mary McCormack, and David Rasche. Directed by Kevin Allen. (86 min., rated R)

Kevin Allen's *THE BIG TEASE* is about the smartest, gay-friendly comedy to come around in a long time. Considering the number of

stereotypes that grace the screen—including that of the hero, a gay hairdresser of all things—this film could have been just one more lame excuse to make fun of gays in a mainstream forum. This is happily not the case.

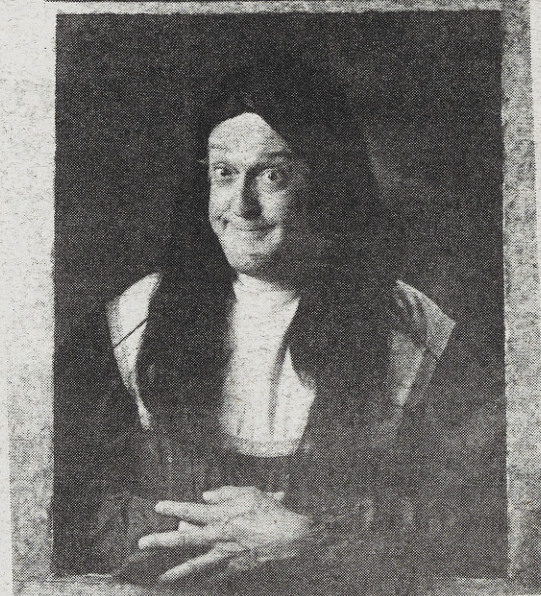
Craig Ferguson, the film's star (as well as its co-writer and co-executive producer), is the major reason for the uncharacteristic sensitivity shown to the main character in this very silly film. It was his idea to make a different kind of film about Scotland, one that would highlight its outrageous sense of humor and show a more kind-hearted people than what "Braveheart," "Trainspotting," or "Shallow Grave" had depicted.

Not only does he succeed, he manages to make the audience care and laugh along with him.

Ferguson plays Crawford Mackenzie, Glasgow's finest hairdresser. He's famous in his home town, but he yearns for more recognition. The promise of it comes one day in the form of a personal letter, inviting him to attend the upcoming World Freestyle Hairdressing Championship in Los Angeles. The prize: the Platinum Scissors.

See Mr. Mackenzie on page 11

## MONA LISA



## The Mona Lisa, Is Found Alive... At The Michael Himovitz Gallery!

On February 14th, when comic-genius Michael Greer rolls into town, Leonardo's famed portrait will not only be coming to life, but she may be found "hanging out" at the Michael Himovitz Gallery. On Valentine's Day - for one night only - the gallery will present "The Michael Greer Full Comedy Show!" Also appearing with Greer will be "Bette Davis! Back From Hell!" and "What's Left Of Marlene Dietrich." The show will be at The Building on the Boulevard, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 9pm. RSVP: 929-7896



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Filled with anticipation and confidence, he flies to LA and shacks up in a fancy hotel, only to discover later that the World International Hair-dressing Federation had actually only invited him to attend the event (on his own dime too), not actually compete in the championship.

Feeling embarrassed but determined to reach his goal, Crawford sets out on a plan to get into the competition any way he can.

All these moments of exuberance and self-discovery are captured by Martin (Langham), a rather stiff and dry BBC documentary filmmaker who follows him around.

This being LA, Crawford meets a host of ridiculous, self-absorbed characters. Monique Geingold

(McCormack) is the competition's snotty director, who does all she can to prevent the irrepressible Scot from competing. Candy Harper (Fisher) is Sean Connery's agent, from whom Crawford tries to wangle a meeting with the famous Scottish actor but ends up genuinely befriending instead. Stig Ludwiggsson (Rasche) is Crawford's nemesis, the current holder of the Platinum Scissors and an egotistical bastard to boot.

Other wacky figures include a script-wielding (aren't they all?) limo driver and a rich and powerful senator—not to mention cameo appearances by David Hasselhoff, Drew Carey, Cathy Lee Crosby, Bruce Jenner, and even hair stylists Jose Eber and John Paul Mitchell.

With so many characters and names competing for attention, it's amazing that things are kept so well under control throughout the movie.

As expected, Crawford gets his chance to compete and show off his adroit hair styling skills. If the movie bills itself as "Rocky" in curlers," then the World Freestyle Hairdressing Championship is the Iron Chef competition with wigs: each expert tries to outdo the other with positively outrageous hair designs.

THE BIG TEASE has a lot to like about it. The characters are well-defined and well-acted, the pacing is consistent, the jokes are rapid-fire, the cinematography is slick (yet not without its "indie" look and feel), and Mark Thomas' music is a lively mixture that evokes

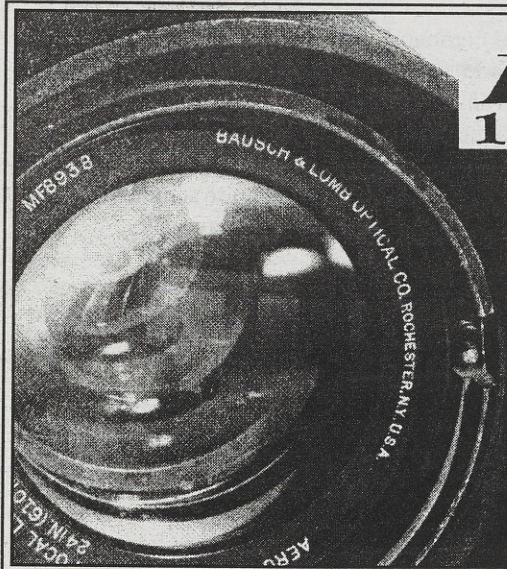
Bond movies at times.

Of course, the film wouldn't be the same without Ferguson. His Crawford Mackenzie is witty, charming, and cute; but he's also humble. He's not competing for himself as much as he is for Scotland. Ferguson not only delivers a dead-on imitation of Sean Connery but also sings "California Dreamin'" with hilarious (and believable) flair.

THE BIG TEASE works because it's written so well. Throughout, there is great attention to detail that makes practically every scene intentionally funny and enjoyable. It's no wonder that Mary McCormack said of the script, "You have no idea how nice it is for an actor to open a script, supposedly a comedy, and for it to actually be funny."

Indeed, after the film ended, I heard some gay men behind me discussing the film. One of them asked the "resident critic" of the group what he thought of it. "Well," he replied, apparently surprised at himself, "I have to say I actually kind of enjoyed it!"

THE BIG TEASE opens in the San Francisco Bay Area on January 28th and in Sacramento on February 25th. Check out the official Web site at [www.thebigtease.com](http://www.thebigtease.com) for photos, production information, and Web postcards you can e-mail to your friends.



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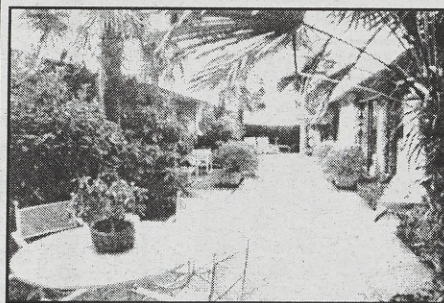
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# ENTERTAINMENT: HOLLYWOOD IN REVIEW

## COMING TO A CEREAL BOX NEAR YOU

by Gerald Semas  
MGW Staff

### FILM -

We have a Flintstones prequel in the works, a movie version of the comic book The X-Men and a live-action combined with animation motion picture of Rocky & Bullwinkle coming this summer. So what next from the world of cartoons? Why Josie & the Pussycats of course! Yes, the cat costumed crime solvers are coming to a screen near you with production scheduled to begin this April. What next, Superchicken? \*\*\* **Bette Midler** steps from playing Jacqueline Susan in her latest film Isn't She Great to an antique collector in her next film Finders Keepers. The independent film begins production this May and focuses on a small-town auctioneer who discovers gold in a Chippendale desk. Midler will play the zany owner of the treasure filled furniture. Couldn't they call it 'Antique Broad Show'?

**Richard LaGravenese** (Living Out Loud) is in talks to write and direct the film version **Douglass Carter Beane's** play As Bees in Honey Drown. The story is about a gay man masquerading as heterosexual to boost his career. Beane is best know for the script to the film To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar. In my book, that's nothing to brag about! \*\*\* **Matt Kessler's** (Waiting for Guffman) career is booming and not because he got to kiss **Johnathon Schaech** in the movie Splendor and **Dan Futterman** in Sundance Film Fest entry Urbania. If you can't put the face to the name you will soon. The about-to-be designated Hollywood heartthrob is in Scream 3, then costars with **James Van Der Beek** in Texas Rangers, followed by the comedy thriller Psycho Beach Party, based on the off-Broadway play. This month, the actor can be found in Prague filming a remake of the sci fi classic Dune opposite **William Hurt**. Kessler will play Feyd, the character Sting played in the **David Lynch** version. \*\*\*

**Hilary Swank** (Boys Don't Cry) is not only being talked about as an Oscar contender but as a likely replacement for **Jodie Foster** in Hannibal, the sequel to Silence of the Lambs. Recently, the actress read for Director **Ridley Scott**. \*\*\* **Thomas Ian Griffith** (John Carpenter's Vampires) isn't a household name despite having starred in one of the Karate Kid movies and playing Rock Hudson in a horrible biographical TV miniseries. Duh? Griffith and some film producers hope all that will change as the actor joins former Superman **Dean Cain** (Lois & Clark) in the sci fi film For The Cause. Opening later this year, the Dimension Films project looks at two colonies on a distant world battling for survival. \*\*\* SF's Lumiere Theatre will show the Richard Morris documentary film Wallowitch & Ross: This Moment Feb. 4 - 10th. The movie reviews the three-decade Gay and professional partnership of New York cabaret entertainers John Wallowitch and **Bertram Ross**. \*\*\*

### THEATRE -

The UK's Globe Theatre seems to be aiming for greater gender balance with the announcement of its 2000 season. Last year the open-air theatre offered all-male productions of Shakespeare's works. This year's schedule features a production of The Tempest featuring **Vanessa Redgrave** as Prospero. A casting action unique, not only for assigning such a role to a woman but due to the fact that Redgrave's father played the same part at the Royal Shakespeare Company 50 years ago. \*\*\* San Francisco's New Conservatory Theatre will host a Bay Area production of Noel Alunit's play The Rice Room Feb. 4 - 20. The author also stars in this look at gay Asian men set in West Hollywood Bar. Various Gay Asian's meet and discuss universal aspects of the lives covering issues of love, survival, sex and fate. \*\*\*

**Richard Chamberlain** returns to the role of **Captain Von Trapp** in touring production of The Sound of Music when it comes to L.A.'s Pantages theatre March 1 - 5th. \*\*\* **Splendor**, a 1995 musical about a Texas outcast who returns to his hometown as a woman is being revived at the New York's Chelsea Playhouse Feb. 8th. Original cast member of A Chorus Line, **Donna Drake**, directs the show, which is based on **Edward Swift's** 1978 novel. The story centers on **Timothy John Coldridge** who leaves Splendor, TX, returning in a form more easily accepted by the natives, as **Miss Jessica Gatewood**, a woman who runs the county bookmobile. \*\*\*

There's still time to see SF's Theatre Rhinoceros' production of Barebacking, A Sex Panic! Comedy written and directed by John Fisher through Feb. 19th. This world premiere looks at behind the scenes sexual behavior from South of Market sex clubs to government offices in city hall. \*\*\* **Sequita Whitfield** is the director behind the Lambda Players production of Make Way For Dyklings Feb. 4 - March 4. The play by **Aubrey Wertheim** offers the story of two teenage girls as they discover they love for each other in the emotional world of high school. Their direct line to romance takes and abrupt curve when their relationship is revealed to the school on Valentine's Day.

### TELEVISION -

The NBC midseason replacement series, The Others, debuts this month. The Peacock Network is counting on this supernatural thriller to be a ratings winner and to attract fans of The X-Files. Dream Works is co-producing the show, which centers on a circle of people, called "The Others," who share an extrasensory ability to reach beyond this world and into other dimensions. The cast includes **Gabriel Macht** ("The Object of My Affection") as empathic medical intern **Mark Gabriel**; **Kevin J. O'Connor** ("The Mummy") as a seer named **Warren Day**; and **John Billingsley** ("The Sky's On Fire") as **Miles Ballard**, a professor of mythology and folklore, who serves as the facilitator of the group.

**George Clooney** may not be coming back for future ER appearances but he is returning to television. Clooney joins buddy **Noah Wyle** in Fail Safe, a remake of the 1964 nuclear thriller for CBS under the direction of **Stephen Frears** (Dangerous Liaisons). What makes this project notable is that it will be broadcast live from the Warner Brothers lot on April 9th. What? Not during a sweeps month?

\*\*\* **Real World Hawaii** roommate, **Colin Mortensen** wasn't aiming for an acting career. The chiseled chested 20-year-old has gotten over his on-again off-again romance with roommate **Amaya** and hired himself an agent. It seems after the show ended, he started getting lots of offers and apparently some were even for acting jobs. One in particular has led to his role on the new NBC midseason show called MYOB from Don Roos (The Opposite of Sex). \*\*\*

Former Ellen producers, **Matt Berry** and **Ric Swartzlander** have a new series waiting in the wings for NBC. Titled Daddio, the show stars **Michael Chiklis** (The Commish) as a stay-at-home dad whose wife pursues a demanding career. \*\*\* **Cybill Shepherd** has spent the time since her sitcom Cybill was canceled a few years ago, working on her autobiography. The book, titled Cybill Disobedience, is scheduled to hit bookstores this Spring. You can count on juicy tidbits about the men in her life from **Peter Bogdanovich** to **Bruce Willis**. \*\*\* Another tidbit from the world of literature. Tales of the City author, **Armistead Maupin** is putting the finishing touches on his next novel Night Listener. Though it features some autobiographical material, the story centers on a fiftysomething Gay San Francisco writer. \*\*\*

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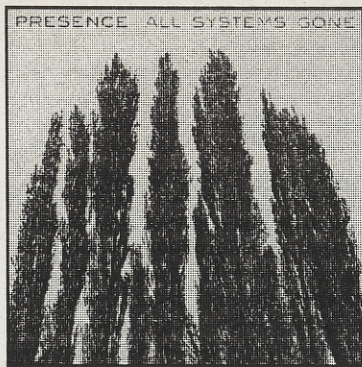
# ENTERTAINMENT: SOUND BYTES

## Presence, All Systems Gone, ARK Records

By Charles Turner  
MGW Staff

Presence's debut album All Systems Gone on ARK Records has a solid sound that grips your ears, the blend of techno-electro-house flows from the main uninterrupted. The driving beat of "Future Love" is pure dance, the lyrical weave laid down by Steve Edwards carries a nice vibe.

Simply seductive is the first thought that comes from the ears to describe Sara Jay's vocal contribution on "This Is You", a steamy hot mid-tempo track that melts in your mind and vibrates your speakers. "Been 2 Long", sweet techno mix of what sounds like New World (at the edge of calipso) with a house foundation, the mix is phat. And penetrating so close-up tight and fly. Gracing a couple of tracks "Matter Of Fact", and "Sense Of Danger" is the rising star Shara Nelson. The "Matter Of Fact" track is a stand out on the album, her innocent (Janet-esque sounding) vocals take the emotions on a sky flight. If you could have adult contemporary, modern jazz, and house blend at 33rpm on simmer you get a soul bowl of "Your Sprit", with a heavy side of Peter Wright's flugel horn, it's filling. And the tracks keeps coming like drops of sweet rain, this album is worthy of rotation with a couple of repeat play mixed in the mix.



## Lisa Sanders, Life Takes You Flying, Cargo/Earth Music

By Charles Turner  
MGW Staff

Lisa Sanders weaves a beautiful tapestry of lyrical poetry on her new album Life Takes You Away on the Cargo label (her second), casting the listener into the center of her web. Sanders

fresh and new sound is enticing on many levels, her folksy down home delivery adds shine to each note, so it's no surprise this talented artist opened the San Diego leg of the Lilith Fair tour. The Life album is soulful, poetic, and soothing. The first track, "Come On and Dance" races thru the speakers and lights up the room like a thousand candles, this is definitely the track that should bounce to the airwaves first. Sanders soulful style accompanied by her acoustic strum hits the mark on "This House", a folksy mid-tempo ballet. The lyrics of "Queen of My Castle" beg you to listen as the rhythm seduces your ears. The title track "Life Takes You Flying" is an emotion overflow with an undercurrent that pulls you down deep

fast. "Head Over Hills" is a slow burn, followed by several other appealing tracks. If you're down with the Lilith Fair sound, then Life Takes You Flying by Lisa Sanders is a new sound worthy of investigation.

## AFA Announces Bar Area AIDS Organizations Selected To Benefit From The 20th Annual Oscar Night Gala

AFA announced the beneficiaries of the upcoming 20th Annual Academy of Friends Oscar Night Gala, which will take place Sunday, March 26, 2000 at the Concourse in Showplace Square.

The agencies benefiting from the 20th Annual Academy of Friends gala are as follows:

An agency that Cares for affected, the AIDS Health Project of San Francisco serves 10,000 people each year by providing culturally sensitive counseling and education to stop the spread of HIV infections and helps people face the emotional, psychological and social challenges of living with HIV disease.

Project Inform has been advocating for compassionate treatment since 1985 when reliable information about HIV/AIDS was nearly impossible to obtain. This national, community-based organization provides accurate, up-to-date treatment information about HIV-infected individuals, their caregivers and their healthcare and service providers.

Two local AIDS organizations have been selected for their work in Responding to the emerging needs in communities of color. For 15 years the Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA) has led the fight against AIDS in the San Francisco Black Community by providing housing, treatment and prevention services. AIDS Resources, Information and Services (ARIS) is the primary organization providing HIV prevention, community education, and other practical and emotional support services in San Jose and the Silicon Valley.

Educating and preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS has been the mission of the Stop AIDS Project since 1984. A pioneer and model for HIV prevention activities worldwide, STOP AIDS is a community organizing project for gay and bisexual men in San Francisco that seeks to reduce HIV-transmission and lessen the adverse effects of the HIV epidemic on the community.

Service awards will be given to two organizations, SHANTI and the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. Since 1984 SHANTI staff and volunteers have served people with HIV/AIDS through programs such as caregiver and bereavement counseling, transportation and activities and peer advocacy. The AIDS Legal Referral Panel provides legal services to people with HIV, empowers the community through legal education and protects and advances the rights of people with HIV through public policy advocacy.

In continual remembrance and recognition of board members and supporters who have died of AIDS, Academy of Friends will also grand funds to the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park, a dedicated space in the public landscape where anyone who has been touched by AIDS can grieve openly and find comfort and renewal in nature.

Tickets to the Gala go on sale in February. Info: (415) 995-9890 or visit AOF at [www.academyoffriends.org](http://www.academyoffriends.org).



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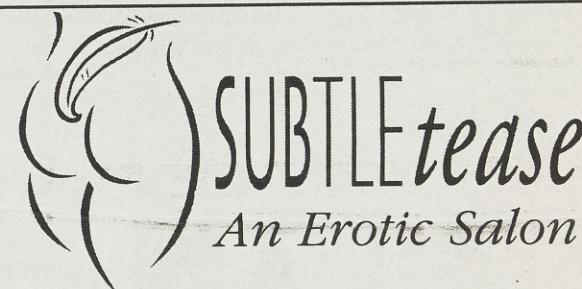
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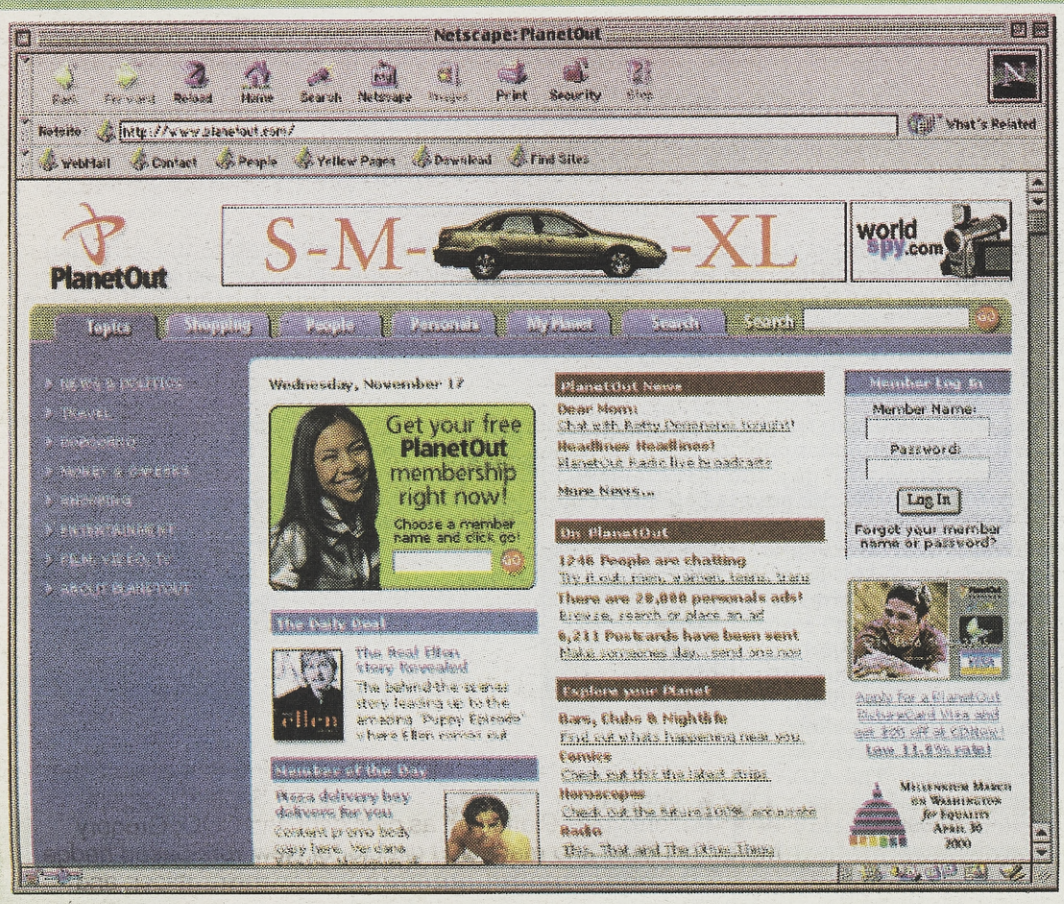
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# Gay And Lesbian Internet Media Company Corporate Identity And Multi-Million Dollar

Hot on the heels of its recently announced \$16.4 million financing, PlanetOut Corporation ([www.PlanetOut.com](http://www.PlanetOut.com)) announced a new Web site, logo and corporate identity system, and a multi-million dollar advertising campaign across more than 100 magazines, newspapers and Web sites.



## Boys Don't Cry Named Top Queer Film Of 1999

Annual top 10 poll conducted by PlanetOut's popular PopcornQ; other winners include blockbuster hits American Beauty, and South Park. The viewers have spoken! In the third annual poll of top 10 queer films, PopcornQ, PlanetOut's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender movie Web site for film lovers and film professionals alike, has named Boys Don't Cry as the top film of 1999. The transgender film, featuring a star-making performance by actress Hilary Swank, tops a unique list, which includes the romantic comedy Trick,

sleeper-hit Being John Malkovich, and Flawless. PlanetOut members, who number more than 380,000 participated in PopcornQ's third annual Top 10 Queer Film poll. To view the list of films, and check out PopcornQ reviews, photos and links to individual movie sites, as well as interactive ratings and



comments on each film, log on to PlanetOut at [www.planetout.com/pno/popcornq/movienews/99/12/topmovies](http://www.planetout.com/pno/popcornq/movienews/99/12/topmovies).



## Site Designated For Growth

The brand new Web site features a crisp new design that is easier, faster and more convenient. It adds new members free email with integrated free postcards, the Web's best personals, more relevant searching, improved personalization and new content offerings.

## Major Marketing Campaign

PlanetOut debuts a major multi-million dollar acquisition and branding advertising campaign in 10 major national magazines, including Out, The Advocate, Genre, XY, Curve, Instinct, and the first-ever-gay advertisement in The Industry Standard. In addition, PlanetOut's "Engage-Enjoy" campaign launches in over 100 gay and lesbian regional and national magazines, newspapers and Web sites.

## Striking New Logo

The new corporate I.D. system brings to the forefront a Planet/ stylized P and O that has been part of PlanetOut's identity since 1995. The new I.D. uses a powerful red color to stand out against any background.

## About PlanetOut

PlanetOut is the leading Internet Media Company offering a vibrant, welcoming and safe community for GLBT and their family and friends. PlanetOut offers comprehensive, original and relevant content including: news, entertainment, travel, money and career, internet radio, online cinema, shopping, directories, free e-mail, personals, message boards, chat and advice columns by well-known experts such as Betty Degeneres. PlanetOut has more than 325,000 registered members, and has key distribution partnerships with AOL, Netscape, ICQ, Yahoo!, NBCi's Snap.com, Lycos, RealNetworks, and Compuserve. PlanetOut is a San Francisco-based company and major investors include Silicon Valley's Mayfield Fund, America Online, UK-based and Eden Capital.

## Stay In Touch With Free E-mail

Members who want one convenient dashboard to the Internet now have PlanetOut e-mail free of charge. PlanetOut's e-mail also includes integrated electronic postcards designed by leading gay and lesbian artists.

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# OUTINGS

## Research Confirms 1999 Growth of Gay Tourism Industry

Community Marketing, Inc., the San Francisco-based GLBT travel communications firm announced the results of its 1999 "Annual Gay & Lesbian Travel Study."

"The report documents the remarkable growth of GLBT travel this year," said Community Marketing's President, Thomas Roth. "Not only are GLBT traveling more frequently, they are spending more and visiting more exotic destinations than the mainstream."

The survey, distributed through direct mail, gay and lesbian publications, and at community events, reflects the travel habits and preferences of 2103 gays and lesbians across the USA. According to the report, the "gay and lesbian travel industry" represents \$47.3 billion, or about 10% of the travel industry total. But far more significant, said Roth, is the frequency with which gay and lesbian travelers vacation.

According to the report, for example, 85% of gays and lesbians surveyed took a vacation in the past 12 months, compared to a 64% national average. 36% took three or more vacations. 45% ventured overseas, compared to just 9% of the national average.

Of particular interest to cruise lines, the survey found that 15% had taken a cruise, up from 14% last year. By comparison, only about 2% of the mainstream cruised last year. "Although RSVF, Atlantis and Olivia cruise charters continue to do well, the vast majority are selecting travelers identify a 'gay-friendly' cruise line, and use 'gaydar' to identify and create their own sub-group for socializing," Roth said. To date, only Carnival and Windstar have openly sought the gay and lesbian market with ads and promotions. Roth added that "other cruise lines have a tremendous opportunity, if they explore the potential."

Among domestic carriers, American Airlines was rated "favorite" for the 5th year in a row. "Beyond the others, American has been active and visible in the gay community, sponsoring charities and gay travel-related promotions," Roth said, "and this has led to phenomenal bottom-line results. Companies that show genuine support and community involvement are rewarded. American has become an example for others wishing to demonstrate community citizenship, and thus earn brand loyalty."

In fact, according to Community Marketing research, "giving back" to the gay community-in the form of donations and other support-is an important factor for 89% when choosing among travel supplier and agent options.

Among travel information resources, the Internet rated #1 for the second year; more and more gay and lesbian travelers are using this media as a means of locating and researching gay friendly places to go. And more are booking online as well. Of the 65% who used the Internet for research, 62% actually purchased travel online. "This is much higher percentage than the mainstream," Roth commented. "Still, gay travelers use local travel agents at a higher rate as well." 87% used the services of a travel agent in the past 12 months, compared to 42% of the mainstream.

Are these two findings conflicting? "No," Roth said, "In focus groups, gay and lesbian travelers told us they still value the

connections and industry savvy of a qualified travel agent, and additionally, they want to make sure these community-based businesses weather the airline commission cuts. Most agreed that for a simple trip, they might look to online booking resources. But when developing an involved itinerary, they'll seek out a knowledgeable agent. How many are "knowledgeable" is also growing: 51% according to the 1999 report, way up from just 34% in 1995-but still a long way to go.

Among USA urban destinations, San Francisco rated first, with 49% having visited in the past three years. Resort destinations Palm Springs and Key West remained tops. Of Canadian destinations Vancouver was most visited in the past three years, with 17% having visited the city, but Montreal promises the most growth with 37% planning to visit over the next three years. Activity-and event-related trips are also very popular among the gay community. In the past three years, 50% went to a gay pride event, 13% traveled to attend a circuit party, and 4% participated in a "gay ski week" event.

Gay and lesbian income demographics reported in this travel survey concur with other studies: Many gays and lesbians have a higher household income level. 75% have incomes beyond \$40,000/year, and 23% have an income over \$100,000/year (compared to 9% of mainstream travelers). Roth warned, however: "This may paint gays and lesbians as big spenders, but that is clearly not the case. This community seeks out value and shops around as much as the other guy. Companies who 'target the market' with inflated prices will fail." Roth advises newcomers to the gay travel industry to do their research first by asking their gay and lesbian customers what they want, and developing an effective community involvement (charity support) program to demonstrate sincerity and earn long-term loyalty.

"For me, though, one of the most amazing statistic figures is about passports," Roth said. "78% of those surveyed hold a valid passport, compared to just 29% of the mainstream. What this shows is the community's interest in world travel, and a preparedness to go."

"The 5th Annual Gay & Lesbian Travel Industry Survey" report, complete with analysis and recommendations, is available to government tourism boards, CVBs, tour operators, and other suppliers for \$55. Full-time travel agents may order the report at a discounted \$25, and Members and Preferred Suppliers of the Travel Alternatives Group (TAG) will receive a complimentary copy by mail in the coming weeks. Custom research, product development and marketing plan consultation services are also available through Community Marketing.

To order a report, contact Community Marketing, Inc. at 800/429-3976 or fax 415/552-5104. Thomas Roth, the author of the report, may be reached by email: roth@mark8ing.com

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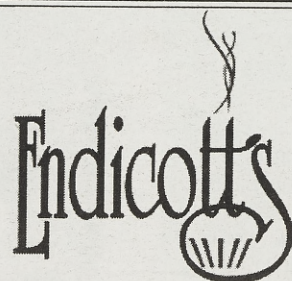
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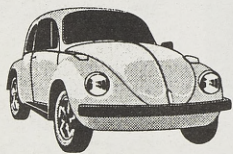
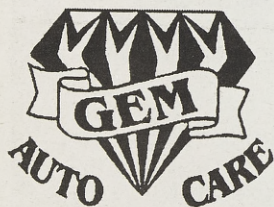
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# OUT WITH PETS

## New Animal Welfare Coalition Seeks To Save The Lives Of All Adoptable Companion Animals

Animal welfare organizations and animal lovers have united to form the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC), with a primary focus on revolutionizing the status and well being of companion animals in the Sacramento Region.

SAAC includes representatives from Sacramento County and City animal shelters, the Sacramento SPCA, the Placer SPCA and numerous rescue groups actively involved in saving lives of adoptable companion animals. Breed-specific rescue groups, veterinarians, feral cat care-givers, animal advocates, and other volunteers make up the balance of people working toward this achievable goal. The SAAC members share common goals: to find homes for every adoptable pet and to reduce the number of unwanted animals that end up in our area's shelters.

"This is a problem that cannot be solved by shelters alone, we need the support of the community, individuals and organizations that are dealing with pet overpopulation issues, veterinarians and governmental agencies as well as non-profit groups", says Pat Wilcox, Director of Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation.

Mike Winters, Executive Director of the Sacramento SPCA says, "By focusing on common goals, such as no-kill, we find ways to increase adoptions and decrease the need to kill adoptable pets. We're forging new partnerships, putting aside differences of the past and for the first time working together for the future well being of companion animals in the Sacramento Area".

Part of the inspiration of SAAC's organizers is the San Francisco SPCA and Maddie's Adoptions Center. Through Maddie's Fund, led by Richard Avanzino, former leader and visionary of the San Francisco SPCA, and now director of the Duffield Family Foundation, funds have been made available to carry the no-kill message across the country. One of SAAC's goals will be to meet the foundation's ambitious and aggressive guidelines, which require applicants to come up with innovative ways to get immediate results. SAAC will work to help the community meet the goals of Maddie's Fund, which includes:

- stop the killing of adoptable animals
- spay or neuter 10 animals for every one adopted
- educate pet owners and children about the joys of pet care and ownership and the importance of taking steps to avoid animal overpopulation.

Info: web site, [www.sacanimal.org](http://www.sacanimal.org)

## Motion Sickness: How to Stop It



R. Sharon Speller

Sid Boatwright knew he had made a mistake when his English Springer Spaniel vomited in his lap as he pulled up to the station to pick up his sweetie. He had ignored the two cardinal rules of taking a dog who gets carsick for a car ride:

1. Don't take the dog for a ride unless it's necessary, and
2. If you must take a dog who is prone to carsickness for a ride, don't feed him or give him water before you start out.

### It's in the head

Unlike human motion sickness, which often results from a physiological problem related to the vestibular apparatus of the inner ear, motion sickness in dogs is not typically physiological. Most cases of motion sickness are curable through counterconditioning, but you must start this training when the dog is still young.

You don't want to encourage vomiting in the car. Vets advise stopping the car for a few minutes to have the dog calm down. Bring a favorite chew toy-not a food treat-with you and give it to the dog once the dog has calmed.

### Is it really motion sickness?

Before you begin counterconditioning, make sure you are really dealing with motion sickness. Is the dog really vomiting or is he just drooling a lot? Does it only happen after a certain number of minutes in the car? Does it only occur in one car but not in another? Do you travel with the car windows open or closed? Does it occur only on certain roads or types of roads-such as freeways? If the dog does not get sick all the time and you can see a pattern in his bouts of carsickness, try to alter the situation. For example, stay on major highways, and don't take back roads.

You may be seeing the results of fear rather than true motion sickness. If the dog only rides in the car to visit the veterinarian, perhaps the dog believes that is where he is going. Counterconditioning should cure him of the terror, especially when he learns that car rides can lead to good places to visit.

### Get him used to the car.

The recipe for training your dog not to be motion sick begins with getting the dog used to going into the car. Start by getting in the car with the dog and sitting there. Don't close the doors. You may need to do this several times a day for several days before you are ready for the next step: getting in the car with the dog and closing the doors. Now sit in the car with your dog with the doors closed. After doing this several times a day for several days, get in the car with the dog, start the car, and drive the car down your driveway or down the street for only a few feet.

Once the dog appears not to salivate or become upset from these short trips in the driveway, you are ready for the major step: a very short real trip. Start by driving around the block. Gradually, increase the lengths of these trips. If you follow this plan, most dogs will stop becoming carsick. No matter how short the ride, remember to drive with windows open wide enough to allow air circulation, but not wide enough for the dog to stick his head out.

In some cases, counterconditioning will not work and the dog will still suffer from motion sickness. Then, you should not take the dog anywhere by car unless it is absolutely essential, such as a trip to the veterinarian or to a boarding kennel. If the dog must travel, discuss with your veterinarian the appropriate medications to use. If the dog's carsickness is mild, you may be able to give him the over-the-counter drug Dramamine (dimenhydrinate). (Discuss the dosage with your veterinarian.) The drug should be given several hours before you leave. It is effective for eight to 12 hours. If the dog becomes very upset before he travels, it may be best to sedate him for the trip. Sedative drugs must be prescribed by a veterinarian.

In some cases, a small dog may prefer to travel in his crate, although most dogs prefer to see out the car window.

If your dog cannot easily be counterconditioned to stop motion sickness, doesn't like to ride in his crate, or is too big to travel in the crate, then you should consider consulting with a behaviorist, preferably someone who can come to your home and evaluate the dog's situation.

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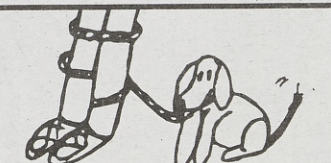
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## Groundbreaking Partnership Between City of Hope Cancer Center, Lesbian Community Announced

Putting City of Hope Cancer Center's long-held commitment to treating everyone regardless of age, race, creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, national, cultural or religious background, physical or mental disability into action, the medical research center partnered with charter members recently to form the support group. Wendy's Hope: Reaching Out to Lesbians with Cancer and other Life-threatening diseases. Wendy's Hope will provide cancer support groups specifically for lesbians with cancer, as well as for their partners, friends and families. Wendy's Hope is named for Wendy Sukman, who lost her battle to breast cancer in 1998. After her diagnosis, Sukman and her partner Jacquelin Welter found little in the way of support from those in their environment. The new partnership enjoys diverse support from all over the country, including Los Angeles City councilmembers Jackie

Goldberg and Joel Wachs, West Hollywood mayor John Heilman, Gwenn A. Baldwin, David Mixner, Dr. Scott Hitt and Billie Jean King.

For membership and event information for Wendy's Hope, please contact Jacquelin Welter at 310-798-9085.

## United Airlines-Official Airline Of The Millennium March On Washington

United Airlines recently joined PlanetOut and the Advocate as major sponsors of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality, and will serve as the official airline for the March. Named one of the top 25 U.S. companies for lesbian and gay employees by the Advocate, United was the first U.S. airline to ban anti-gay discrimination and harassment and the first to announce domestic partner benefits for employees and retirees.

To check flight schedules and book United Airlines flights to Washington, DC for the Millen-

nium March, you can call 1-800-521-4041 and refer to Code 596EB. This assures the best fare and credits the March for each flight.

United Airlines is a supporter of more than 80 charitable causes and organizations of interest to the gay and lesbian community, including Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Business Responds to AIDS Conference and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center.

The Millennium March on Washington, scheduled for April 30, 2000, will be the fourth national GLBT civil rights march to promote equal rights for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. For more information on the March on Washington for Equality, visit the official website at [www.mmow.org](http://www.mmow.org) or write to [MMOW2000@aol.com](mailto:MMOW2000@aol.com).

## It's About Freedom

The Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco announced the fourth annual Mt. Davidson Easter Eve Service, which includes illumination of the 103 foot "Rainbow Cross," will be presented Saturday, April 22, 2000, 7:00 PM.

U.S. District Judge Maxine Chesney ruled the sale of the cross atop Mt. Davidson in San Francisco to the Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern California did not violate the separation of church and state. The sale, in 1997, the judge ruled, was a valid way to resolve an unconstitutional government involvement in religion.

Illumination of the 103 foot cross, located at San Francisco's highest geographical point, is created using six high power digitally controlled lighting units, similar to lighting used for exterior illumination of new Las Vegas hotels.

The Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco has served the spiritual needs of the city's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community for 30 years. The church is affiliated with the International Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the largest lesbian/gay organization in the world.

## Ban Lifted on Gay Soldiers

Forced to act by a European court ruling, Britain lifted its ban on gays in the military and introduced instead a code of conduct for sexual behavior, whether soldiers be heterosexual or homosexual.

Under the new code of conduct, to be published, inappropriate sexual behavior between personnel on duty, and not a person's sexual orientation-would be a punishable offense.

Britain promised to lift the ban after the European Court of Human Rights ruled in favor of four gay enlistees dismissed from the military.

## Gore's Ability Questioned by Voters

Wavering Democrats questioned Vice President Al Gore about his electability and the lingering taint of President Clinton's impeachment scandal.

The Vice President accepted all questions. Karen Mass, a transsexual and jet systems designer, pressed Gore on anti-discrimination protections for transgendered men and women. Gore stated, "I'll have to learn more about it." Mass took his answer to be a "stepping away" from such issues.

## Unmistakable Signs of Support

Two huge billboards are to be unveiled urging public acceptance of homosexuality, part of a plea by parents who hope to make the world safer for their gay sons and daughters.

The unveiling reflects not only a year's worth of financial donations, but also the search for courage many parents undertook to assert a still-controversial position: It's OK to be gay.

The 12 by 48 foot billboards cost nearly \$20,000 per month to rent and will be up for one month.

Similar efforts by PFLAG chapters in Houston and Nashville inspired local parents to undertake the project, even though the billboard in Nashville was quickly defaced.

Although local PFLAG members have spoken in schools and participated in marches, the billboard campaign is the chapter's first large-scale advocacy project. The decision to take on the billboards mirrors the coming-out struggle their children went through in a society still uncomfortable with - and at times hostile towards - homosexuality.

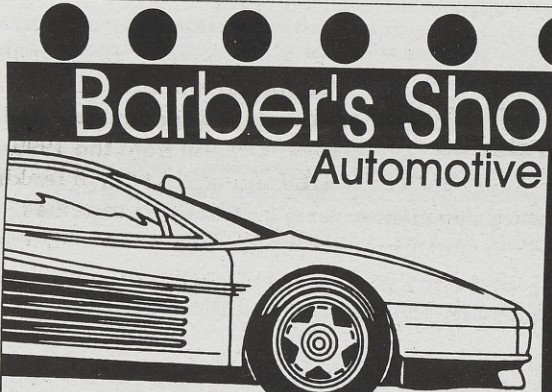
## High Court Takes on Gays in Scouts

Taking on emotional issues of free speech and homosexuality, the Supreme Court agreed to decide whether the Boy Scouts of America can exclude gays as members and troop leaders.

The justices said they will decide whether the organization had a constitutional right to oust a young troop leader after learning he is gay. The court is expected to hear arguments in April and issue a decision by July.


New Jersey's highest court ruled last summer that the Boy Scout's denial of membership to homosexual boys and leaders violated a state law banning discrimination in public accommodations.

But the Scout's lawyer contends that law violated the organization's rights of free speech and free association under the Constitution's First Amendment.



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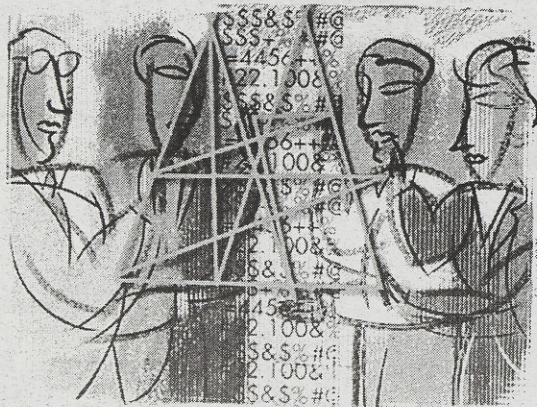
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## Irish Pair Jailed For Attack on Gay U.S. Writer

An Irish court jailed two men for eight years for a savage homophobic assault which left a gay American author crippled for life.

They were sentenced for recklessly causing serious harm to Robert Drake in an attack in his home in the northwestern town of Sligo last January. Drake had been based in Philadelphia but moved to Sligo to research a novel.

Drake, a published author who is in his 30s, was too ill to return to Ireland for the case. He has only slight movement in his hands and arms and his speech remains garbled.

## Celebrating Paris and 75 years of Art Deco

This new year of 2000 brings the 75th anniversary of that wondrous event, better known as the Paris Expo of 1925. The Art Deco Society of California will celebrate this occasion at the 15th Annual Preservation Ball, on Saturday, March 18th, 2000 in the Grand Ballroom of San Francisco's Regency Building, 1320 Van Ness Ave. In order to retain the period ambiance of the event, Black/White Tie, Deco formal attire and evening gowns are requested.

The Art Deco Society of California is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 to preserve culture from the 1920s-30s. Members collect, preserve and appreciate architecture, art, dance, fashion, film, music and forms of transportation from time between the two world wars. For information: 415-982-DECO.

## Republican Mayor Susan Golding Opposes Knight Initiative

Head of Nation's Sixth-Largest City Joins Leading GOP Senate Candidate in Opposition to Anti-Gay Initiative on March Ballot.

Mayor Susan Golding (R) of San Diego has announced her strong opposition to the anti-gay Knight Initiative in California, making her the highest ranking GOP local official in the state to oppose the measure which is on the March 7th ballot.

Golding joins Congressman Tom Campbell (R), the leading candidate for the 2000 Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in California, in opposing the Knight Initiative, a measure supported by anti-gay organizations which seeks a vote on banning same-sex marriages in California, where such marriages are already not legally recognized by law. In 1999, Campbell was the first Member of Congress of either party to announce his opposition.

Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest gay Republican organization, with state and local chapters nationwide, a full-time Washington office and a federal political action committee.

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## DC Gay/Lesbian Leaders Endorse Al Gore For President

Al Gore received the endorsement of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, D.C.'s leading gay and lesbian political organization. The endorsement shows the strong support the Vice President has among the D.C. gay and lesbian community.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, U.S. Representative, addressed the Stein to ask for their endorsement of Al Gore. Joining Stein Club in endorsing Al Gore were many of the leading political leaders in the D.C. gay and lesbian community.

The Stein Club is a chartered affiliate of the National Stonewall Democratic Federation and a recognized constituency group of the D.C. Democratic Party.

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## GLBT Community Centers, Federal Officials Gather At White House to Discuss Funding Issues

Representatives of lesbian and gay community centers from across the country met at the White House for the first time with senior officials and lesbian and gay political appointees from a broad range of cabinet agencies and departments. Joined by other advocates, the two groups discussed how to increase the flow of federal dollars from Washington, D.C. to local communities in need.

The meeting, arranged by Julian Potter, Director of Lesbian and Gay Outreach for the White House, included staff members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the seven-person elected Executive Committee of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers, representing more than 100 community centers in 36 states.

Federal agencies represented at today's meeting included the Small Business Administration, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the departments of Commerce, Justice, Interior, Education, Labor, Transportation, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development and the White House AIDS Policy Office.

## GLV Index of Leading Companies Removes Exxon/Mobil For Canceling of Domestic Partner Healthcare Benefits, Rescinding of Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Policy

Grant Lukenbill, president of GLVReports & Communications and author of the newly released book Smart Spending: The Gay and Lesbian Guide to Socially Responsible Shopping and Investing announced the removal of Exxon/Mobil from the 1999 GLV Index, an annual ranking of gay-friendly companies closely followed by socially responsible investors.

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# UPDATES

## First Lady Says No to Same-Sex Unions

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Gay and lesbian supporters are outraged by First Lady, New York Senatorial candidate, Hilary Rodham Clinton's opposition to same-sex unions. Late last year, Mrs. Clinton told a group attending a Manhattan fundraiser that "same-sex unions should be entitled to all the rights and privileges that every American gets." However, Mrs. Clinton issued a statement that stated that she would have voted for the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996 because marriage "has always been between a man and a woman." The Defense of Marriage Act was signed into law by her husband the President. The act denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages and gives the states the right to ignore those licensed elsewhere. Matt Foreman, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, was less than supportive of Clinton's remarks. Forman was disappointed because both Hillary and Bill have many homosexual friends who are in long term relationships. Mrs. Clinton, he said, should know that such a statement hurts.

## GLBT Religious Leaders Gather in Southern California

Patrice Broussard  
MGW/ Staff

Orange County was the place to be in late January when religious leaders from across the county gathered to voice their opposition to Proposition 22, the limitation on marriage initiative. One of the speakers at the forum, Rabbi Denise Eger, feels that prop 22, also known as the Knight Initiative, would do more harm than good.

Martina Algaze, spokesman for the Gay Men's Health Crisis, was equally disturbed by the remarks. "It's a shame she said this," he said. "She'd obviously trying to be middle of the road."

Clinton's main opponent, the incumbent mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, supported domestic partnership legislation that became law in 1998. Christopher Lynn, a commissioner in the Giuliani administration, said that Mrs. Clinton mirrors the mayor's position on everything regarding same-sex unions.

Said Lynn; "The difference between the two is that the mayor has done something about gay rights. So if you're a lesbian or gay in New York, who're you going to vote for?" Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has his own theory about the candidates and their position on this issue. "It seems to me that both of them are trying to stake out a position in favor of separate but equal positions," he said. "Our country's been down this road before and separate but equal is not equal."

"This initiative would cause more real harm than symbolic good to families, which is inconsistent with our understanding of morality. The fact is that millions of people of faith support equal civil rights for gays and lesbians."

Joining Rabbi Eger at the forum were Rev. James Lawson, Rev. Elder Darlene Garner, Rev. Elder Nori Rost, Rev. Scott Anderson and Mike Fuhr.

## Millenium March on Washington Issues for Rally Speakers

Patrice Broussard  
MGW/ Staff

Dream big is what organizers of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality are encouraging people to do in order to come up with speakers for this event.

"We are asking the community to assist the producers, organizes and board of the Millennium March by nominating individuals to speak at the rally," said Diane Hardy-Garcia, co-executive director for the march. "This is another way people from all over the country can provide a powerful message as we gather at our nation's capitol."

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"Organizers of the March are encouraging people to nominate individuals who will be inspiring, moving and empowering. Nominations can run the gamut. They want a little bit of everybody-local heroes, celebrities, parents, athletes. Submissions may be made by e-mail to MMOW2000@aol.com, by fax to (202) 467-8102, or by mail to 1000 16th Street NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

Nominations should include a brief description of the person and contact information for both the person nominating and the person or persons being nominated. The nominations must include full name, address and phone number for verification.

The Millennium March on Washington is scheduled to take place on April 30 of this year.

## California Latino Leaders and other Politicians Join Opposition to Prop 22

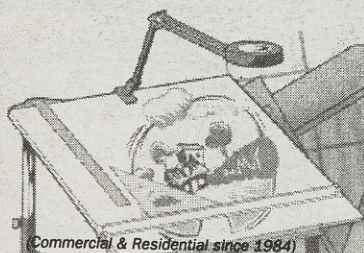
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Proposition 22 has begun airing television ads that are targeting the Latino voters, but many of California's Latino leaders oppose it. Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaragosa states, "Do we want to live in a state that treats all its citizens fairly and respectfully? Do we want to live in a state that focuses on the real problems facing us?"

Do we want to come together around common goals and our shared values? Or do we want to divide along the fault lines of divisive and polarizing initiatives? Those are the real questions posed by Proposition 22. Proposition 22's backers claim it will protect the institution of marriage. Actually, all it will do is unfairly discriminate against gays and lesbians."

Other Latino leaders opposing Prop 22 are Congress members Xavier Becerra, Loretta Sanchez and Marty Martinez; Assembly members Gil Cedillo and Gloria Romero. The four leading republican candidates for San Diego mayor Ron Roberts, Peter Davis, Barbara Warden and Byron Wear also oppose Prop 22.

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## Bereavement Group Starting

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Both facilitators also have personal experience in dealing with losses through death of a loved one. The group will be held Tuesdays, 11:30am-1pm. Info: 1-800-332-8531, or 568-1025.

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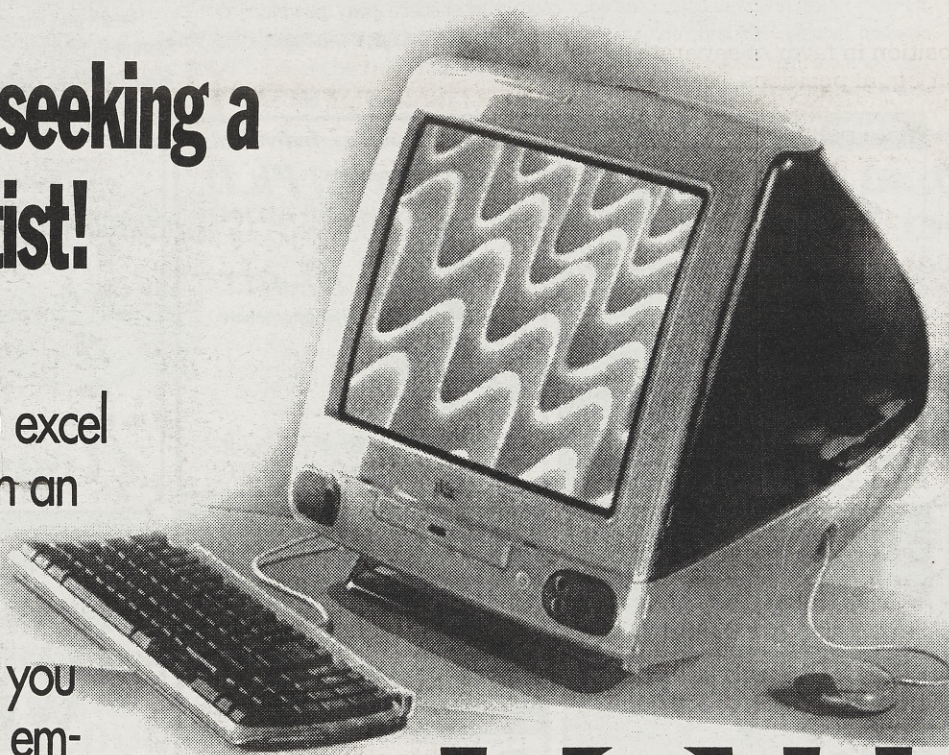
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# ON THE HIV FRONT

By Sonya Cox  
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## Segregating inmates with HIV upheld...

The U.S. Supreme Court recently let stand a ruling that allows Alabama prisons to segregate hundreds of inmates with HIV, and continue to prevent them from participating in educational and recreational programs in which they mix with prisoners who are HIV negative. The inmates have protested the policy since 1985, and later sued, saying the segregation goes against the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. A federal Court of Appeals voted last April, however, that the prison policy was permitted because AIDS is fatal and

"death itself makes the risk significant." When the suit was first filed, Alabama was the only state prison system to have such a policy, but now both Mississippi and South Carolina have similar policies in place.

Several AIDS activists and gay organizations are criticizing the ruling. AIDS-Alabama and the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project say the ruling "upholds stigmatization of people with HIV and sets a precedent for an unnecessary and unfair double standard regarding HIV-positive prisoners."

Responding to the misconceptions about HIV transmission, the medical director of the Metropolitan Center for Mental Health in New York clarified in a recent letter to the editor that the risk of contracting HIV from blood-to-blood contact during violence like fighting does not pose a serious risk of contagion that justifies the segregation, and said that depriving prisoners from rehabilitation programs because they have HIV is "inhumane" and "an extreme form of discrimination."

## Continued risky behavior in youth...

New research indicates that both adolescents and adults in the Seattle area continue to engage in risky activities even after they are diagnosed with HIV. Researchers from the University of Washington and the County Department of Public Health reviewed data collected between January 1990 and February 1998 for more than 3,000 HIV-infected youths and adults in an effort to describe

and compare the risk behaviors of the two groups. The results show that both female and male youths were over two times as likely as adults to engage in risky behavior, including engaging in unsafe sex and sharing injection drug paraphernalia. The study authors noted with concern that both the youths and the adults participated in risky activities even after HIV diagnosis, showing the need for a two-prong public health campaign targeting people infected with HIV, as well as those at risk for infection.

## SF official protests blood donation regs...

A San Francisco city official is protesting a Food and Drug Administration rule that bars blood centers nationwide from accepting blood from men who have had sex with other men since 1977. The policy has long been in place as a precaution against the higher possibility in the gay community of obtaining infected blood from a donor who, in good faith, believes he's negative, but in fact might have recently become positive. Supervisor Mark Leno led a group of men identified as HIV-negative to a blood center office in order to protest the refusal of the group's blood donations. The president of the center said she agreed with Leno, but added that the facility would be closed if they did not comply with the federal mandate. She also voiced concerns that the protest could draw attention away from the severe blood shortage in the region.

## Most don't go back for test results...

The Centers for Disease Control says that about 13 percent of U.S. adults tested for HIV in two recent years never returned for their test results. According to the study, the reason for testing (compulsory, recommended, or self-initiated) predicted the likelihood of the individual obtaining the results — those who did not ask for testing were less likely to get their results. The study used data from the U.S. National Health Interview Survey, involving over 35,000 adults.

## Rise in IV transmission inspires needle bill...

Intravenous drug users now account for half of all new HIV infections in America, says a recent report by the University of California. New Hampshire is moving quickly to combat the problem with a proposal that would eliminate the need for drug addicts to obtain a prescription in order to buy hypodermic needles. Heroin addicts in the state already have access to clean needles to help stem the spread of blood-borne diseases like HIV and hepatitis C, but currently need a prescription to obtain them. New Hampshire is one of 10 states that requires a prescription to buy syringes.

## Ryan White Act grants \$527 million for HIV care...

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala recently announced \$527 million in Ryan White CARE Act

grants that will fund primary healthcare and support services for low-income people in 51 eligible metropolitan areas. To qualify for funding for healthcare, an area must have at least 500,000 population and have reported over 2,000 AIDS cases in the last five years. In announcing the new funding, Shalala noted, "These funds should help local communities better meet the demand of providing healthcare and support services to people living with HIV and AIDS."

President Clinton is also asking Congress to target a \$2.8 billion spending increase for fiscal year 2001 to science and technology research for an AIDS vaccine, diabetes, brain disorders, and cancer. He proposes that the new spending include a \$1 billion increase in biomedical research for the National Institutes of Health.

## Gay liberation in China...

Chinese society is slowly recognizing the existence of gays, as China's gay population becomes more open and forthright despite years of arrests. Chinese researchers estimate that 40 to 50 million people in China are gay. One reason for the change in attitude stems from the need for China to combat a serious AIDS problem — about 400,000 HIV cases among Chinese have been reported, although experts believe the actual number is substantially higher. While the Chinese government has announced its intention to address HIV's spread throughout the country and to combat AIDS, doing so could turn out to be quite a trick when facing such problems as having plans for a public service announcement about condoms recently canceled because of a law on the books that prohibits the advertisement of products related to sex.

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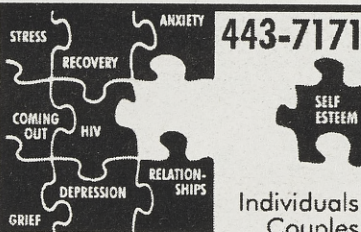
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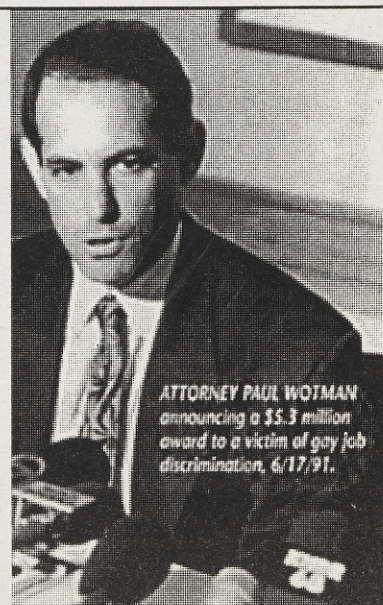


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## UCSF Opens Lesbian Health Research Center

Deciding whether or not to get a pap smear or when to start having an annual mammogram is confusing enough for many women who are faced with conflicting research and recommendations. Making these decisions can be even more daunting for a lesbian, bisexual or transgender woman. Right now, little is known or information isn't readily available about the health of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and their health care experiences primarily because of a lack of research. This lack of research could be impacting the quality of health care services these women receive, according to UCSF researchers.

To fill this void, UC San Francisco's Institute for Health & Aging and School of Nursing has created the Center for Lesbian Health Research. One of the center's objectives is to identify the health research needs of lesbians, bisexual and transgender women, and to determine how they are any different from those of heterosexual women. Another objective is to coordinate and compile research that is already available into one location and provide findings on line for individuals, researchers and health care providers, UCSF researchers said.

The main thrust of the UCSF center is to initiate and support research projects that can be used to educate both providers and lesbians, bisexuals and transgender women on their unique health issues and to provide culturally appropriate care and outreach, said Suzanne Dibble, RN, DNSC, adjunct professor in the Institute for Health & Aging and co-interim director for the Center for Lesbian Health Research.

Patricia Robertson, MD, is co-interim director of the center and associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Robertson is co-founder of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services established in 1978 to provide medical care to low-income lesbians and other women in the Bay Area.

The center's faculty are working on several different studies that address issues related to lesbian health including breast cancer risk factors in lesbians compared to heterosexual women, types of health care providers sought by lesbians compared to heterosexual women, and HIV transmission between women.

Another study follows the children of lesbian couples from infancy to grade school to see how well they do in school and how socially adjusted they are, compared to children of single mothers and of male/female couples.

The Center for Lesbian Health Research was formed in September 1999 after the Institute of Medicine produced a report titled Lesbian Health Research Priorities. Among its conclusions: additional data is required to determine if lesbians may be at higher risk for certain health problems; there are significant barriers to conducting research on lesbian health-including lack of funding-which have limited the development of more sophisticated studies; and research on lesbian health will help advance scientific knowledge that is also of benefit to other population groups.

Currently, the goals for the immediate future are to create a web page with frequently asked questions for clinicians and current research abstracts, co-sponsor with the City of San Francisco, the Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Health Research Forum, and increase core support funding. The center is recruiting lesbians who want to participate in different research projects and UCSF researchers to join the center. Info: Sue Dibble, Co-Director, 476-5

## "Living With Grief: Children, Adolescents, And Loss"

Plans are underway for Hospice Foundation of America's Seventh National Bereavement Teleconference

HFA's initiative to help children and adolescents cope with loss begins. The Hospice Foundation of America's seventh annual National Bereavement Teleconference, Living With Grief: Children, Adolescents, and Loss, will be broadcast live-via-satellite on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm EDT. Registration of organizations hosting this video broadcast has begun with nearly 1,000 registered sites across North America. Last year, the teleconference was seen in more than 2,400 communities across the country, reaching an audience of 150,000. The teleconference will examine the ways that children and adolescents respond to loss and will offer practical advice that can be used to help children and adolescents develop useful coping skills.

Moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News, this award winning program will feature a panel of distinguished experts: Nancy Boyd Webb, Charles Corr, Kenneth Doka, Margarita Suarez, Betsy Wendt and Dottie Ward-Wimmer.

Support materials include HFA's newest publication Living With Grief: Children, Adolescents, and Loss.

This book, available in March, contains eighteen articles, the perspectives of young people, a resource guide and bibliography. HFA will also publish a special issue of their bereavement newsletter, Journeys, written for adolescents by adolescents. The teleconference is sponsored by the Project on Death in America of the Open Society Institute, the Veterans Health Administration Office of Information, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Foundation For End of Life Care and in cooperation with Annenberg/CPB, funders of "Death: A Personal Understanding," John Hancock, and the Association for Death Education & Counseling.

This year's teleconference broadcast falls within days of the first anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy, a time when the effects of grief and loss on young people are likely to be discussed on a national level. Parents, teachers and school administrators will all develop a greater understanding of the ways young people respond to loss.

Continuing education hours are available for a wide variety of professions making this program particularly beneficial to counselors, social workers and others professionals working with young people.

Hospice Foundation of America is a non-profit, grassroots foundation dedicated to providing leadership in the application of hospice principles, informing the public about end-of-life care, and training health care workers and the families they serve in issues related to loss. Info: <http://www.hospicefoundation.org>.

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# ENTERTAINMENT: HOLLYWOOD IN REVIEW

## PART I COMING TO A CEREAL BOX NEAR YOU

by Gerald Semas  
MGW Staff

We have a Flintstones prequel in the works, a movie version of the comic book The X-Men and a live-action combined with animation motion picture of Rocky & Bullwinkle coming this summer. So what next from the world of cartoons? Why Josie & the Pussycats of course! Yes, the cat costumed crime solvers are coming to a screen near you with production scheduled to begin this April. What next, Superchicken?

Bette Midler steps from playing Jacqueline Susan in her latest film Isn't She Great to an antique collector in her next film Finders Keepers. The independent film begins production this May and focuses on a small-town auctioneer who discovers gold in a Chippendale desk. Midler will play the zany owner of the treasure filled furniture.

Couldn't they call it 'Antique Broad Show?' Richard LaGravenese (Living Out Loud) is in talks to write and direct the film version Douglass Carter Beane's play As Bees in Honey Drown. The story is about a gay man masquerading as heterosexual to boost his career. Beane is best known for the script to the film To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar. In my book, that's nothing to brag about! Matt Kessler's (Waiting for Guffman) career is booming and not because he got to kiss Johnathon Schaech in the movie Splendor and Dan Futterman in Sundance Film Fest entry Urbana. If you can't put the face to the name you will soon.

The about-to-be designated Hollywood heartthrob is in-Scream 3 then costars with James Van Der Beek in Texas Rangers, followed by the comedy thriller Psycho Beach Party, based on the off-Broadway play. This month, the actor can be found in Prague filming a remake of the sci fi classic Dune opposite William Hurt. Kessler will play Feyd, the character Sting played in the David Lynch version.

Hilary Swank (Boys Don't Cry) is not only being talked about as an Oscar contender but as a likely replacement for Jodie Foster in Hannibal, the sequel to Silence of the Lambs. Recently, the actress read for Director Ridley Scott. Thomas Ian Griffith (John Carpenter's Vampires) isn't a household name despite having starred in one of the Karate Kid movies and playing Rock Hudson in a horrible biographical TV miniseries. Teenage girls as they

discover they love for each other in the emotional world of high school.

Their direct line to romance takes an abrupt curve when their relationship is revealed to the school on Valentine's finishing touches on his next novel Night Listener. Though it features some autobiographical material, the story centers on a fiftysomething Gay San Francisco writer.

Duh? Griffith and some film producers hope all that will change as the actor joins former Superman Dean Cain (Lois & Clark) in the sci fi film For The Cause. Opening later this year, the Dimension Films project looks at two colonies on a distant world battling for survival. SF's Lumiere Theatre will show the Richard Morris documentary film Wallowitch & Ross: This Moment Feb. 4 - 10th. The movie reviews the three-decade Gay and professional partnership of New York cabaret entertainers John Wallowitch and Bertram Ross.

### THEATRE -

The UK's Globe Theatre seems to be aiming for greater gender balance with the announcement of its 2000 season. Last year the open-air theatre offered all-male productions of Shakespeare's works. This year's schedule features a production of The Tempest featuring Vanessa Redgrave as Prospero. A casting action unique, not only for assigning such a role to a woman but due to the fact that Redgrave's father played the same part at the Royal Shakespeare Company 50 years ago. San Francisco's New Conservatory Theatre will host a Bay Area production of Noel Alunit's play The Rice Room Feb. 4 - 20. The author also stars in this look at gay Asian men set in West Hollywood Bar. Various Gay Asian's meet and discuss universal aspects of the lives covering issues of love, survival, sex and fate.

Richard Chamberlain returns to the role of Captain Von Trapp in touring production of The Sound of Music when it comes to L.A.'s Pantages theatre March 1 - 5th. Splendor, a 1995 musical about a Texas outcast who returns to his hometown as a woman is being revived at the New York's Chelsea Playhouse Feb. 8th. Original cast member of A Chorus Line, Donna Drake, directs the show, which is based on Edward Swift's 1978 novel.

The story centers on Timothy John Coldridge who leaves Splendor, TX, returning in a form more easily accepted by the natives, as Miss

Jessica Gatewood, a woman who runs the county bookmobile. There's still time to see SF's Theatre Rhinoceros' production of Barebacking, A Sex Panic! Comedy written and directed by John Fisher through Feb. 19th. This world premiere looks at behind the scenes sexual behavior from South of Market sex clubs to government offices in city hall. Sequita Whitfield is the director behind the Lambda Players production of Make Way For Dyklings Feb. 4 - March 4. The play by Aubrey Wertheim offers the story of twoDay.

### TELEVISION -

The NBC midseason replacement series, The Others, debuts this month. The Peacock Network is counting on this supernatural thriller to be a ratings winner and to attract fans of The X-Files. Dream Works is co-producing the show, which centers on a circle of people, called "The Others," who share an extrasensory ability to reach beyond this world and into other dimensions.

The cast includes Gabriel Macht ("The Object of My Affection") as empathic medical intern Mark Gabriel; Kevin J. O'Connor ("The Mummy") as a seer named Warren Day; and John Billingsley ("The Sky's On Fire") as Miles Ballard, a professor of mythology and folklore, who serves as the facilitator of the group.

George Clooney may not be coming back for future ER appearances but he is returning to television. Clooney joins buddy Noah Wyle in Fail Safe, a remake of the 1964 nuclear thriller for CBS under the direction of Stephen Frears (Dangerous Liaisons). What makes this project notable is that it will be broadcast live from the Warner Brothers lot on April 9th. What? Not during a sweeps month?

Real World Hawaii roommate, Colin Mortensen wasn't aiming for an acting career. The chiseled chested 20-year-old has gotten over his on-again off-again romance with roommate Amaya and hired himself an agent. It seems after the show ended, he started getting lots of offers and apparently some were even for acting jobs. One in particular has led to his role on the new NBC midseason show called MYOB from Don Roos (The Opposite of Sex).

Former Ellen producers, Matt Berry and Ric Swartzlander have a new series waiting in the wings for NBC. Titled Daddio, the show stars Michael Chiklis (The show stars Michael Chiklis (The Commish) as a stay-at-home dad whose wife pursues a demanding career. Cybill Shepherd has spent the time since her sitcom Cybill was canceled a few years ago, working on her autobiography. The book, titled Cybill Disobedience, is

scheduled to hit bookstores this Spring. You can count on juicy tidbits about the men in her life from Peter Bogdanovich to Bruce Willis. Another tidbit from the world of literature. Tales of the City author, Armistead Maupin is putting the finishing touches on his next novel Night Listener. Though it features some autobiographical material, the story centers on a fiftysomething Gay San Francisco writer.

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## THE RETURN OF SON OF THE NEXT GENERATION PART II

by Gerald Semas  
MGW Staff

### FILM -

Giving the impression that Hollywood's creative juices have dried up and new ideas are as hard to find as **Jesse Helm's** brain cells, the film industry is focusing efforts on sequels once again. As he independent horror film *The Blair Witch Project* made the list of top ten grossing films for 1999, it comes as no surprise that, not one sequel is in the works but two. Documentary director **Joe Berlinger** will direct *Blair Witch Project 2*, which starts shooting next month. The second sequel begins production in the Fall and is actually a prequel. *Blair Witch 3* will be written, produced and directed by **Eduardo Sanchez** and **Daniel Myrick** from the original film. Next month, the latest chapter in the over-rated *Scream* film series, *Scream 3* is scheduled to be released. Originally scheduled for mid-December, Director **Wes Craven** decided that the holiday competition was too much and had the schedule changed. **Liev Schrieber** (*Cotton Weary* in the first two films) is in this version as are **Courteney Cox**, **Parker Posey** and **Kelly Rutherford**. Though the long awaited film version of **L. Ron Hubbard's** sci fi book *Battlefield: Earth* is finally in the can, star **John Travolta** and Producer **Jonathan Krane** are already preparing it's sequel. Screenwriter **Cory Mandell** only adapted 436 pages of Hubbard's massive 1,050 page book so naturally the other 614 pages will be the basis of the film's sequel. The first film is set for release May 12th and the sequel is aiming for 2002 when it could compete against the next *Star Wars* chapter. On the subject of *Star Wars*, the video version of *The Phantom Menace* will hit stores all over the world the week of April 3rd. DVD fans will have to wait.

**Brendan Fraser** (*Gods and Monsters*) will star in a remake of the 1967 Faustian based comedy film *Bedazzled*. Former *Ghostbuster* **Harold Ramis** directs with Fraser playing a nebish computer programmer who relies on the magical powers of enchantress **Elizabeth Hurley** to win the heart of his true love. Filming begins later this month with aims of an early 2001 release. \*\*\* Oscar winner **Marisa Tomei** will also star in the film *Shallow* playing an HIV-positive bookstore owner who has to take care of her best friend/roommate, who's also HIV-positive. She is in negotiations to star opposite **Mel Gibson** in the film *What Women Want* in which Gibson plays a chauvinist who, after a traffic accident, acquires the ability to hear what women think. A talent apparently mastered by **Bill Clinton**.

Director **Tim Burton** (*Sleepy Hollow*) has shown interest in doing a motion picture remake of the late *Quentin Crisp's* *The Naked Civil Servant*. A British television version was made some years ago with actor **John Hurt** in the lead role. Could Burton film alumni *Johnny Depp* be interested in such a project? Well, he did wear angora and dress in drag for Burton film *Ed Wood*. \*\*\* Riding a wave a critical praise for his performance in *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, British actor **Jude Law** (*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*) plans to play the Gay former manager of the Beatles **Brian Epstein** in an upcoming biofilm. \*\*\*

### THEATRE -

Across the country in the Big Apple, Manhattan's famed 92nd Street YMCA host several theatre personalities this season, including **Carol Burnett**, **Paul Rudnick** and **Neil Simon**. Not that they can't afford a hotel but rather as they appear in a number of productions. Simon, the author of the upcoming *The Dinner Party* at the Mark Taper Forum — will discuss his career with fellow playwright Paul Rudnick on Sept. 26 at 7:30 PM. Rudnick will return on Feb. 6, 2000 to talk about his career, which has included plays such as *Jeffrey* and *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told*. Rudnick will be questioned by comedienne Joy Behar, co-host of the ABC show *The View*. On Oct. 3, Behar will also interview **Carol Burnett**, who returns to Broadway this fall in the Sondheim revue *Putting It Together*.

**Nathan Lane** stated his one New Year's resolution was to never make another series for NBC and he seems to be on his way to keeping that promise. In June, the award winning actor will star in the Roundabout Theater Company's revival of **Moss Hart** and **George Kaufman's** *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Jerry Zaks, who directed the acclaimed *Guys and Dolls* revival that starred Lane as Nathan Detroit, will stage the 1939 comedy about a famous cantankerous critic who causes misery to an average American family when he is forced to recuperate

under their roof after breaking his hip. \*\*\* And here's to you Mrs. Robinson, **Kathleen Turner's** gonna give you a brand new look. Wo, wo, wo. Yes it's true, the sultry star steps into the shoes of that famous Graduate seductress in a new stage production of the film scheduled for London's Gielgud Theater in April. \*\*\* **Matthew Broderick** (*Torch Song Trilogy*) and **Parker Posey** (*Party Girl*) will star in *Taller than a Dwarf*, the new stage comedy which marks the playwriting debut of Elaine May. The story follows an average couple looking for the American dream and debuts at NY's Longacre Theatre in late March under the direction of Alan Arkin. \*\*\*

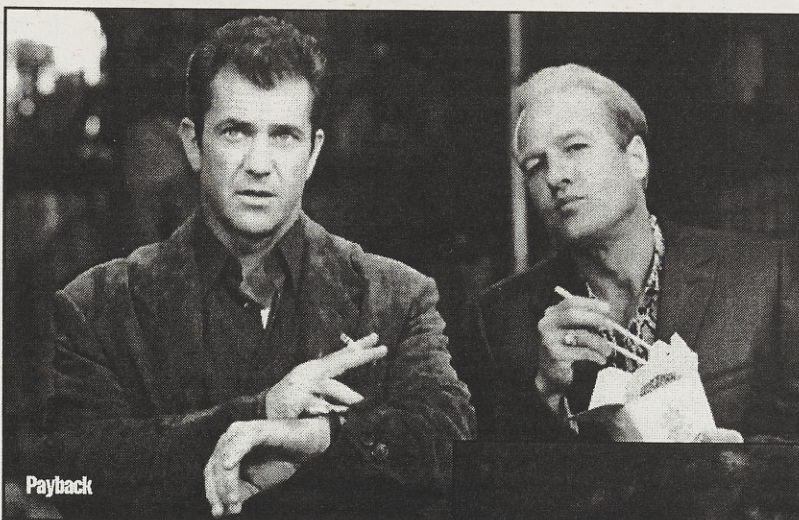
### TELEVISION -

Tis the season for awards shows, fa la la la.... The 57th Annual Golden Globe Awards come to NBC on Jan. 23rd. Among the nominees of interest are American Beauty for Best Picture, Matt Damon for The Talented Mr. Ripley and Rupert Everett for An Ideal Husband as Best Actors. In the television category there the Gay/Lesbian friendly series Will and Grace, Sex in the City and Spin City for best comedy series and Sean P. Hayes (Will and Grace) for best supporting actor. Other upcoming awards shows include... The 42nd Annual Grammy Awards reach CBS on Feb. 23rd. The Screen Actors Guild Awards will be broadcast by TNT March 12th, Actress Ileana Douglas hosts the 15th edition of the Independent Spirit Awards which will be broadcast on Bravo and the Independent Film Channel on March 25th and

the mother of all awards shows, the 72nd Annual Academy Awards (Oscars) are on March 26th. Billy Crystal returns as host for this year's Oscars and over-rated choreographer Debbie Allen is out of a job as the show's producers have decided (wisely) to drop the dance numbers. What? No salute to the late Allen Carr and his Snow White Beach Blanket Babylon number with Rob Lowe from a few years ago. Bummer. \*\*\*

**William Hurt** (*Kiss of the Spiderwoman*) has been cast as Duke Leto in the new six-hour miniseries based on **Frank Herbert's** best-selling novel *Dune*. The epic tale is set in year 10991 and follows **Paul Atreides**, who moves with his family to the desert planet Dune, where the inhabitants discover him to be their deliverer from the oppressive Empire. The three-part miniseries airs on the Sci-Fi Channel next October. \*\*\* The Cable network TNN joined Eyemark Entertainment, to launch the cable net's new first original dramatic series. TNN has begun airing 22 episodes of 18 *Wheels of Justice* starring former Coca Cola ad hunk, **Lucky Vanos**. The show is taped in Southern California and co-stars **Billy Dee Williams** and **G. Gordon Liddy**. The show promises appearances by top and emerging country music artists. Maybe they can use a country song I wrote a few years ago called *You Stole The Keys To The Tractor Trailer Of My Heart*.

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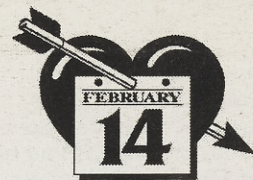
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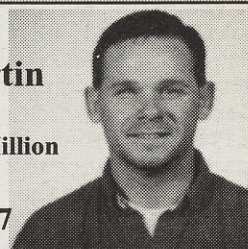
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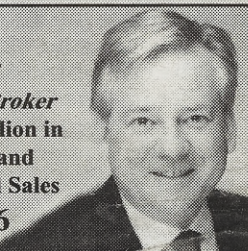
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